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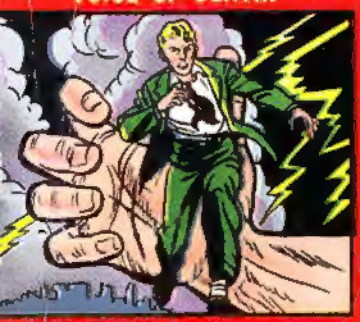
I WAS THE ONLY MAN ON EARTH WHO HEARD THE "VOICE OF DEATH!"



THEY'RE ALL AROUND US BUT WE CAN'T SEE "THE HIDDEN MEN!"

THE MOST FRIGHTENING THING IN THE WORLD! "THE SPIDER!"

DON'T DARE MISS "THE MAN WHO DIED TWICE!"

NO--*NO!* YOU CAN'T MAKE ME *DIE* AGAIN!

POOR PETER, YOU MUST KNOW BY NOW THAT YOU CAN *NEVER* ESCAPE!

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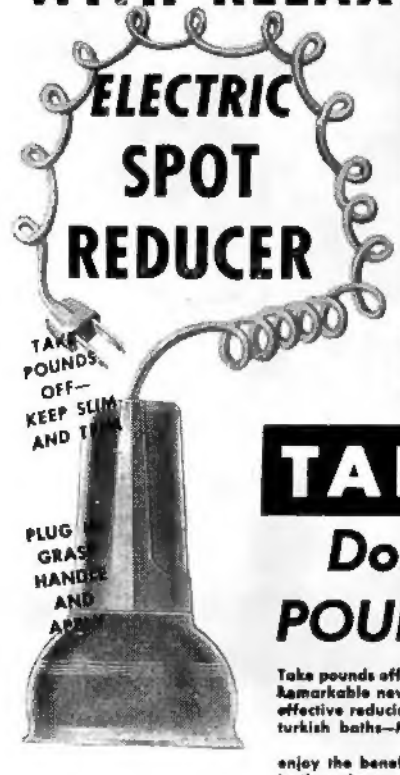

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THE MAN WHO DIED TWICE

THERE ARE SOME WHO ACCEPT THE RULE OF FATE! OTHERS SCORN IT, DEFY IT! BUT CAN THEY ESCAPE IT? LARRY ADAMS THOUGHT HE COULD! AND HE HAD A METHOD ALL OF HIS OWN TO OUTWIT DESTINY! I'LL LET HIM TELL YOU JUST WHAT HAPPENED! HE'LL SPEAK TO YOU, AND EVEN THOUGH HIS VOICE MAY BE MUFFLED YOU'LL HEAR HIM! I PROMISE THAT! SPEAK, SPEAK, LARRY ADAMS!

A SPINE-CHILLING TALE OF HORROR!

I'M LARRY ADAMS... IT'S AS VIVID AS IF IT HAPPENED JUST A FEW MOMENTS AGO... THE RAIN... WILLIE GRANT AND I THAT SATURDAY AFTERNOON SCRAMBLING FROM THE GOLF COURSE TO THE CLUB HOUSE... AND ARGUING AS USUAL...

I TELL YOU, THERE'S NO ESCAPING FATE, LARRY! WHAT'S IN STORE FOR A PERSON HAPPENS, THAT'S ALL!

AS IF IT'S ALL WRITTEN DOWN IN A LITTLE BOOK FROM THE DAY YOU'RE BORN? THE BUNK, WILLIE!

YOU'RE A FOOL TO BELIEVE THAT! IMAGINE --A GROWN MAN THINKING FATE DETERMINES HIS LIFE!

EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN!

ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THESE TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES ARE FICTITIOUS
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I WAS ROAMING BY AND COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING! I QUITE AGREE WITH YOUR FRIEND! FATE PLAYS A STRONG, CALCULATING PART IN ONE'S SPAN OF LIFE!
WHO'S ASKING FOR YOUR OPINION? KEEP OUT OF THIS!
YOU'RE A STUBBORN FELLOW, AREN'T YOU? WHY, CAN'T YOU SEE THE OBVIOUS? FATE--FATE! NO ONE CAN OUTWIT THE HANDWRITING OF DESTINY-- INDELIBLE, UNCHANGEABLE!
SURE! JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU, LARRY!
IT'S SHEER BUNK! MY FRIEND'S STEEPED ENOUGH IN THIS NONSENSE! STOP HANDING OUT MORE ... HUH? HE'S GONE? WHERE'D HE GO?
SEARCH ME!
AN EERIE FEELING STOLE OVER US AS WE TRIED TO RATIONALIZE THE STRANGER'S ABRUPT LEAVE-TAKING AS SUDDEN AS HIS ARRIVAL!
HE PROBABLY RAN OFF, BEYOND THE HEDGES! THEY BLOCK THE VIEW!
MUST BE IT ... RAIN'S LET UP! HOW ABOUT A DRINK, WILLIE? WE BOTH CAN USE IT!
SOON WE WERE IN OUR FAVORITE BAR--AND STIMULATED BY THE DRINK, I COULDN'T HELP AGAIN TRYING TO POUND LOGIC INTO WILLIE'S BRAND OF REASONING!
WE SHAPE OUR OWN FATES, WILLIE! WE'RE MASTERS OF DESTINY!
YOU CAN'T MAKE ME BELIEVE THAT ... LARRY! LOOK! HE'S HERE!
WHAT'S HE DOING? FOLLOWING US? I'M GOING TO REALLY TELL HIM OFF!
EASY, LARRY! HE'S NOT BOTHERING US!
BUT I WASN'T TO BE DISSUADED! WITH CLENCHED FIST I ADVANCED TOWARD THE STRANGER ... ONLY TO FIND...
HE'S GONE AGAIN!
FATE

WHEN I ARRIVED HOME SOON AFTER, MY WIFE SAID SOMETHING THAT I GRASPED AS THE CLUE TO THE STRANGER'S ODD BEHAVIOR, HIS INTERFERENCE!
LARRY, A RATHER THIN MAN IN A BLACK SUIT WAS ASKING FOR YOU EARLY TODAY! I TOLD HIM YOU WERE AT THE GOLF CLUB WITH WILLIE! HE SEEMED TO KNOW WILLIE!
SO THAT'S IT!
I MET HIM, ALICE! A PEST! NOW I SEE IT ALL! WILLIE PUT HIM UP TO MEETING US, JUST TO ANNOY ME!
YOU AND WILLIE! ALWAYS ARGUING, ALWAYS PLAYING PRANKS ON EACH OTHER LIKE A COUPLE OF CHILDREN! FORGET IT, LARRY! DINNER'S READY!
HOW COULD I FORGET IT? I COULD HARDLY WAIT FOR THE NEXT DAY! WILLIE AND I WORKED IN THE SAME OFFICE, AND I'D HAVE IT OUT WITH HIM! BUT WHEN I SAW HIS DEAD WHITE FACE AND HIS POPPING EYES, I KNEW HE WAS REALLY FRANTIC WITH TERROR!
THAT STRANGER! HE APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE! HE'S OUT THERE NOW! LARRY, THERE'S SOMETHING VERY FRIGHTENING ABOUT HIM! I FEEL IT!
THIS CAN'T BE A GAG! WILLIE'S TERROR IS REAL! BUT I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE STRANGER! NOT ME!
I'LL STOP THIS HOUNDING ONCE AND FOR ALL!
BUT WHEN I REACHED THE SPOT WHERE THE STRANGER WAS STANDING, SOME OF WILLIE'S FEAR PERVADED ME! THE MAN IN BLACK HAD VANISHED! I FELT A SWIRL OF DIZZINESS--THEN I SAW--
I WON'T LET THIS THROW ME! WILLIE BELIEVES IN THE POWER OF FATE--I DON'T! FORGET IT, LARRY BOY!
FATE
I DIDN'T GIVE ANOTHER THOUGHT TO THE STRANGER! I HAD A VERY BUSY DAY AT THE OFFICE, 1001 MATTERS TO HANDLE--INCLUDING THE BOSS' LATEST DIRECTIVE...
LARRY, I WANT YOU TO GET OUT TO CHICAGO TO HANDLE THAT KRONSTAD MATTER! THE SOONER THE BETTER!
I'LL SEE HOW SOON I CAN GET A PLANE RESERVATION! I LIKE FLYING!
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I WAS LUCKY! I WAS ABLE TO GET A RESERVATION FOR 9 THE FOLLOWING MORNING! THAT NIGHT I PREPARED!
THERE! ALL PACKED!
NOW YOU'D BETTER GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, DEAR! YOU'LL HAVE A BUSY, TIRESOME, DAY TOMORROW!
'BYE, HONEY, I'LL PROBABLY BE OUT THERE AT LEAST A WEEK! PRETTY COMPLICATED MATTER!
HAVE A WONDERFUL TRIP, LARRY!
SOON I WAS PLEASANTLY SETTLED ON THE PLANE! IT PURRED DOWN THE RUNWAY, THEN THE ROAR OF THE MOTORS, A SWISH --AND WE WERE RISING--THE EARTH FALLING FAR AWAY! WE WERE RIDING ON THE CLOUDS...
SWELL TRIP... SWELL DAY, TOO!
EXCUSE ME... DO YOU HAVE THE TIME?
THAT VOICE! THAT SMIRKING INSINUATING TONE! I TURNED AROUND, DREADING THE ENCOUNTER WITH THE MOST ANNOYING CREATURE I HAD EVER MET! IT WAS HE ALRIGHT -- THE STRANGER!
ENJOYING THE TRIP?
VERY MUCH UP TO THIS MOMENT! IT'S JUST 9:20, NOW DON'T BOTHER ME THE REST OF THE TRIP! JUST LET ME ALONE!
I BURIED MYSELF DEEP IN MY NEWSPAPER, FORGETTING THE PEST! ALL WAS QUIET, BUT SUDDENLY THE PURR OF THE PLANE MOTORS WAS SPLIT BY A FRIGHTENING BLAST!
THE MOTOR! IT'S CAUGHT FIRE!
GOOD LORD! WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG WITH A PLANE...
IN SECONDS WE WERE PLUNGING EARTHWARD, CRAZILY CAREENING--A PLUMMETING FIREBRAND!
THERE'S NO HOPE!
WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!
NO! NO! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
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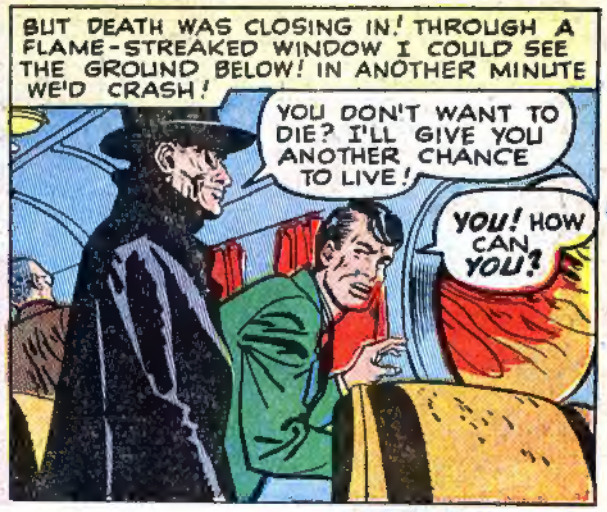
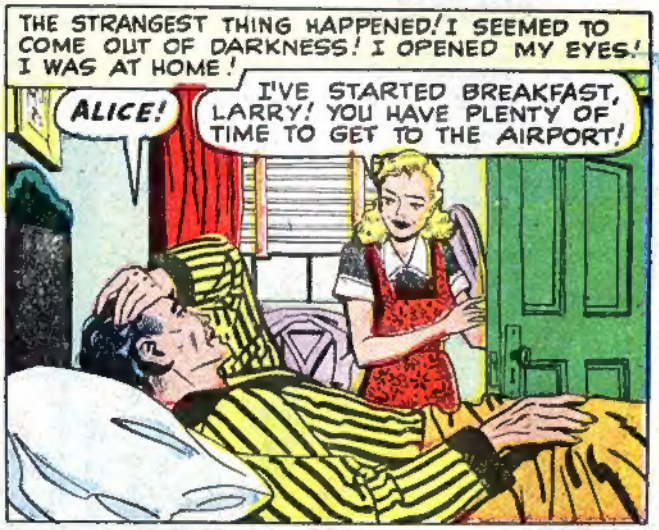
I DON'T WANT TO DIE! I SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN THIS PLANE! WHY DID I? WHY DID I? I WANT TO LIVE!


BUT DEATH WAS CLOSING IN! THROUGH A FLAME-STREAKED WINDOW I COULD SEE THE GROUND BELOW! IN ANOTHER MINUTE WE'D CRASH!
YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE? I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE TO LIVE!
YOU! HOW CAN YOU?

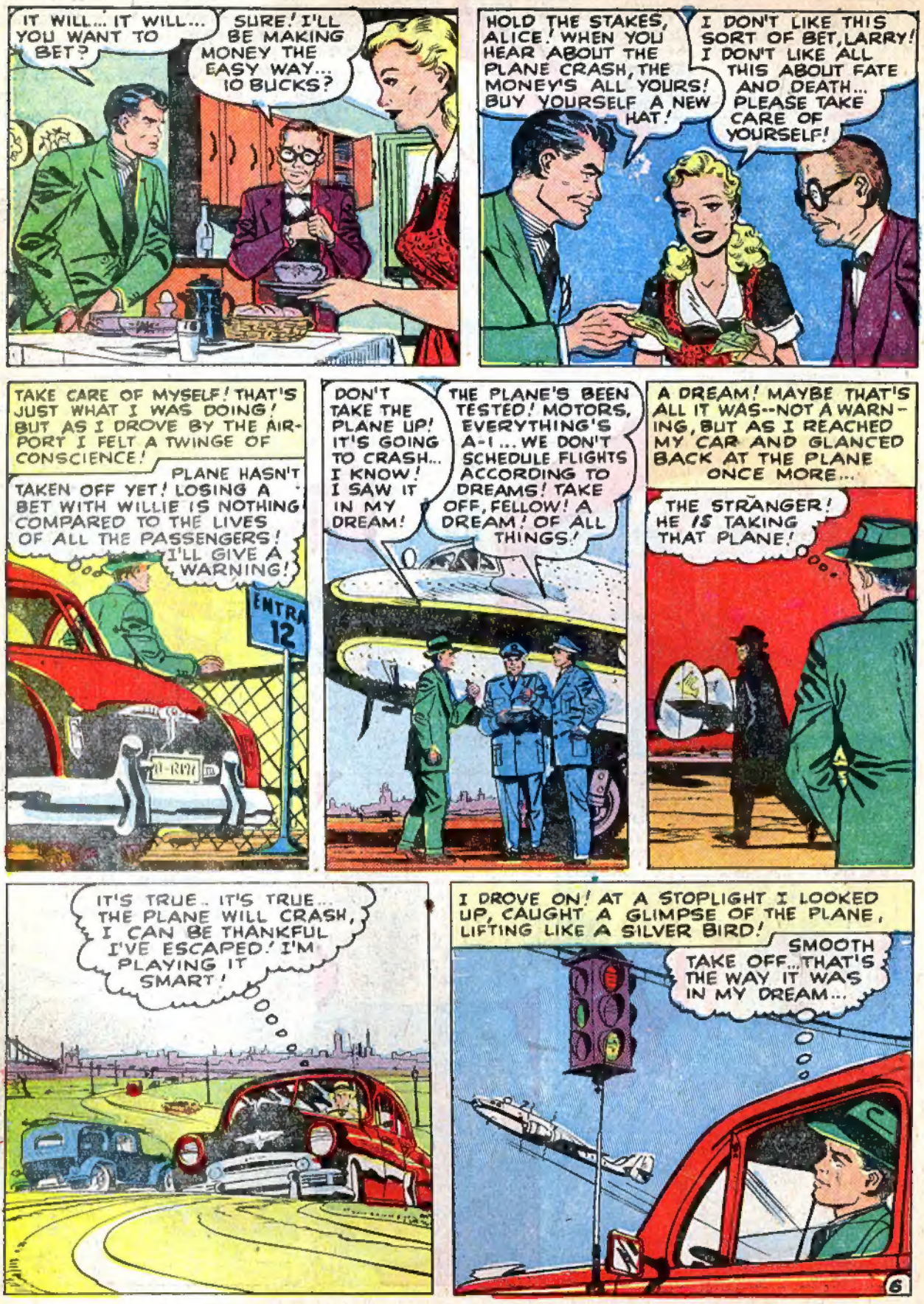
YOU'RE NO LONGER HERE! YOU ARE AT HOME SAFE AND SNUG!
I WISH I WERE!


THE STRANGEST THING HAPPENED! I SEEMED TO COME OUT OF DARKNESS! I OPENED MY EYES! I WAS AT HOME!
ALICE!
I'VE STARTED BREAKFAST, LARRY! YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO GET TO THE AIRPORT!

AIRPORT! PLANE? ALICE, WHAT TIME IS IT? WHAT DAY IS THIS?
THE DAY YOU'RE TO LEAVE FOR CHICAGO, OF COURSE! IT'S 7 A.M. ...MORNING... LARRY, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?

I HAD A DREAM! I DREAMT I WAS ON THAT PLANE! IT WAS ABOUT TO CRASH! IT WAS A WARNING, A PREMONITION! I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THAT PLANE! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS FATE, BECAUSE I'LL CHEAT THAT PLANE CRASH! I WON'T TAKE THAT PLANE!

A FEW MINUTES LATER WILLIE STOPPED BY! FOOLISH STUBBORN WILLIE, STILL ARGUING!
SO YOU'RE GOING TO DRIVE INSTEAD! SUIT YOURSELF, LARRY! BUT HOW CAN YOU PUT ANY STOCK IN A DREAM? SINCE YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN FATE, YOU DREAMED IT TO TELL YOURSELF YOU CAN ESCAPE THE FATE OF A PLANE CRASH! I BET THAT PLANE WON'T CRASH!


IT WILL... IT WILL... YOU WANT TO BET?
SURE! I'LL BE MAKING MONEY THE EASY WAY... 10 BUCKS?
HOLD THE STAKES, ALICE! WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT THE PLANE CRASH, THE MONEY'S ALL YOURS! BUY YOURSELF A NEW HAT!
I DON'T LIKE THIS SORT OF BET, LARRY! I DON'T LIKE ALL THIS ABOUT FATE AND DEATH... PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!
TAKE CARE OF MYSELF! THAT'S JUST WHAT I WAS DOING! BUT AS I DROVE BY THE AIRPORT I FELT A TWINGE OF CONSCIENCE!
PLANE HASN'T TAKEN OFF YET! LOSING A BET WITH WILLIE IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE LIVES OF ALL THE PASSENGERS! I'LL GIVE A WARNING!
ENTRA 12
DON'T TAKE THE PLANE UP! IT'S GOING TO CRASH... I KNOW! I SAW IT IN MY DREAM!
THE PLANE'S BEEN TESTED! MOTORS, EVERYTHING'S A-1 ... WE DON'T SCHEDULE FLIGHTS ACCORDING TO DREAMS! TAKE OFF, FELLOW! A DREAM! OF ALL THINGS!
A DREAM! MAYBE THAT'S ALL IT WAS--NOT A WARNING, BUT AS I REACHED MY CAR AND GLANCED BACK AT THE PLANE ONCE MORE...
THE STRANGER! HE IS TAKING THAT PLANE!
IT'S TRUE. IT'S TRUE... THE PLANE WILL CRASH, I CAN BE THANKFUL I'VE ESCAPED! I'M PLAYING IT SMART!
I DROVE ON! AT A STOPLIGHT I LOOKED UP, CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF THE PLANE, LIFTING LIKE A SILVER BIRD!
SMOOTH TAKE OFF... THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS IN MY DREAM...
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OH WELL--THAT'S FATE! WHAT AM I SAYING? THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS FATE! THE DREAM WAS A WARNING! I ESCAPED!
HAD I? SUDDENLY I HEARD A VIOLENT ROAR, AND FELT A SEARING HEAT DRAWING CLOSE TO ME! I SAW A PLUMMETING MASS OF FLAME!
IT'S ON FIRE! CRASHING! NO! NO!
I TRIED TO SWERVE MY CAR--BUT THERE WAS NO ESCAPE FROM THIS FIERY HOLO-CAUST OF HORROR!
HELP! AGGGGH!
THERE WAS A LITTLE LEFT OF ME--A FRAGMENT, SINKING INTO A DEEP, DEEP SLEEP! ONCE, THE BIT OF LIFE IN ME EMERGED INTO DIM CONSCIOUSNESS!
(GASP!) THE PLANE ... GOT ME ... (GASP!) YOU WERE ... RIGHT... WILLIE!
EASY, LARRY!
(GASP!) FATE... FATE... (GASP!)
HE'S GONE...
LARRY! (SOB!)
THAT WAS THE STORY OF LARRY ADAMS... FATAL, WASN'T IT? THERE'S NO ESCAPE, LARRY! YOUR DESTINY WAS WRITTEN INTO THE BOOK OF LIFE AND DEATH THE DAY YOU WERE BORN... I KNOW! I WROTE IT!
LARRY ADAMS BORN: 1922 DIED: 1950
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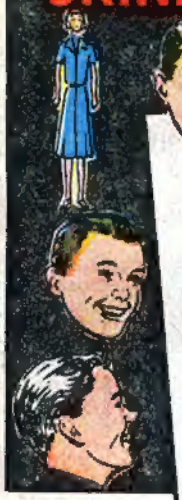

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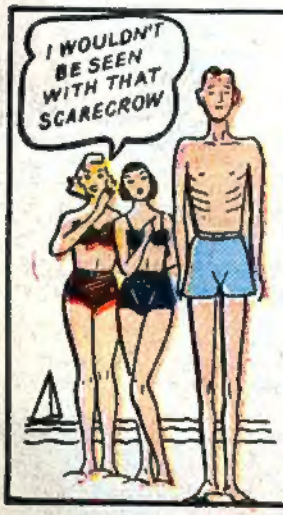

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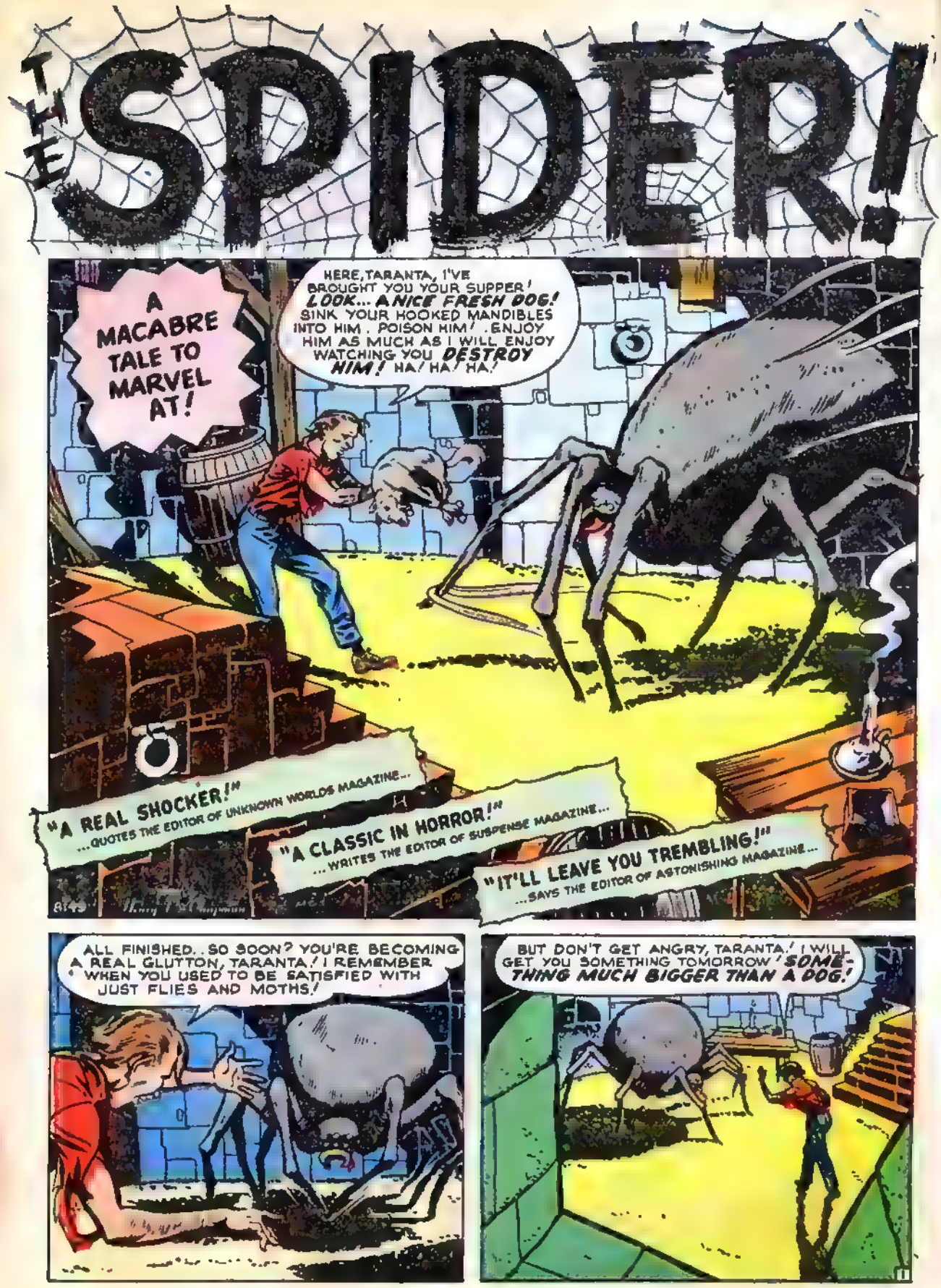
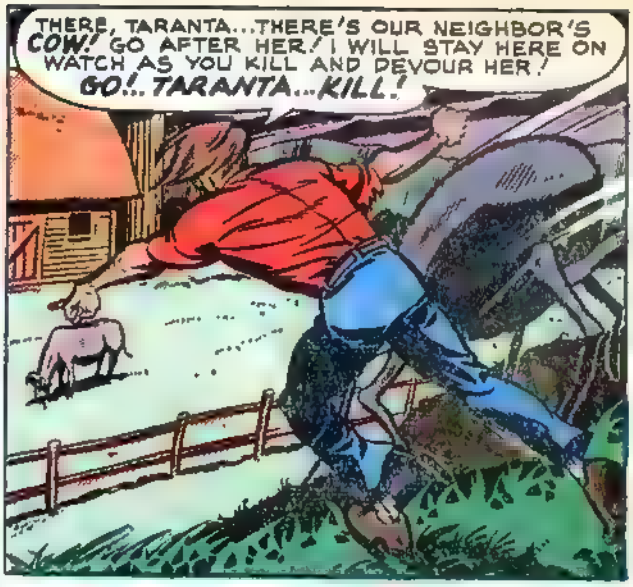
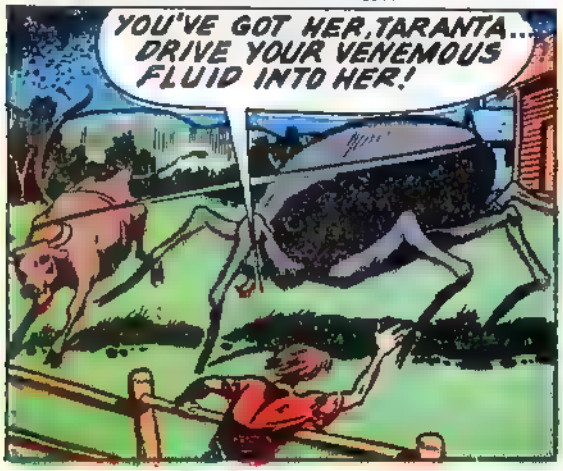

THE SPIDER!
A MACABRE TALE TO MARVEL AT!
HERE, TARANTA, I'VE BROUGHT YOU YOUR SUPPER! LOOK... A NICE FRESH DOG! SINK YOUR HOOKED MANDIBLES INTO HIM. POISON HIM! ENJOY HIM AS MUCH AS I WILL ENJOY WATCHING YOU DESTROY HIM! HA! HA! HA!
"A REAL SHOCKER!" ...QUOTES THE EDITOR OF UNKNOWN WORLDS MAGAZINE...
"A CLASSIC IN HORROR!" ...WRITES THE EDITOR OF SUSPENSE MAGAZINE...
"IT'LL LEAVE YOU TREMBLING!" ...SAYS THE EDITOR OF ASTONISHING MAGAZINE...
ALL FINISHED.. SO SOON? YOU'RE BECOMING A REAL GLUTTON, TARANTA! I REMEMBER WHEN YOU USED TO BE SATISFIED WITH JUST FLIES AND MOTHS!
BUT DON'T GET ANGRY, TARANTA! I WILL GET YOU SOMETHING TOMORROW! SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER THAN A DOG!

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, JUST AS MIDNIGHT WAS TOLLING, I BROUGHT MY PET OUT OF THE CELLAR OF MY GREAT GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE! WE LIVED THERE ALONE...JUST TARANTA AND I...

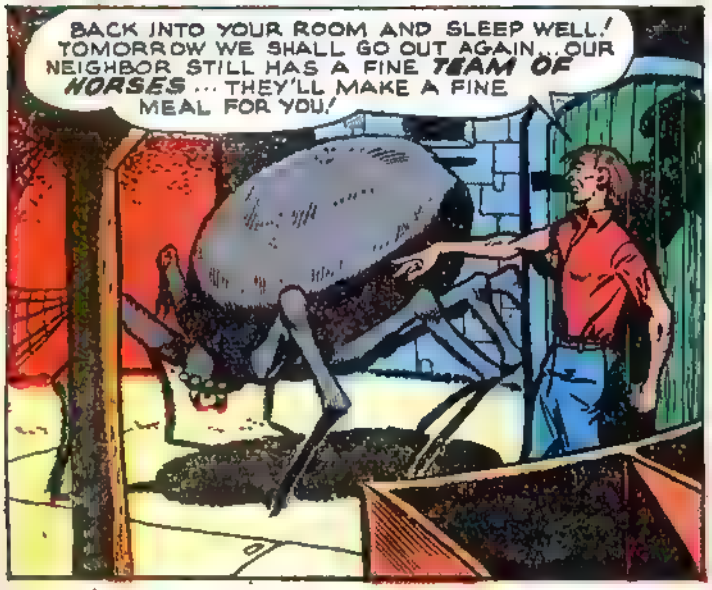
A SHRIVELED UP OLD MAN LIKE ME CAN'T BRING A BIGGER ANIMAL THAN A DOG TO YOU, TARANTA.. YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH ME AND HELP YOURSELF!



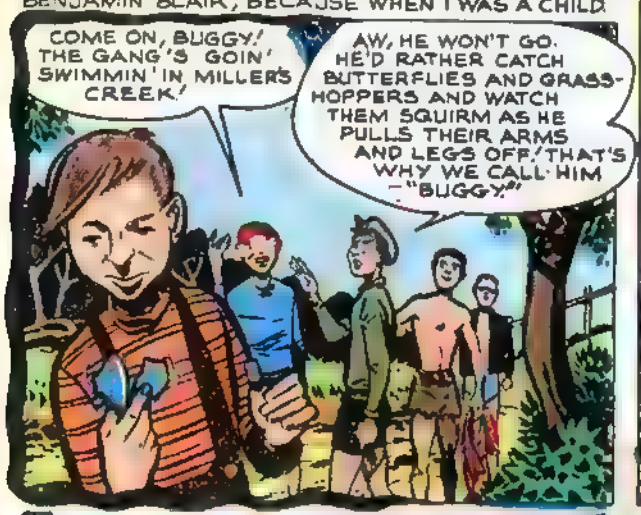
IT WAS A JOY AND PLEASURE SUPREME TO WITNESS MY TARANTA AS HE STALKED THAT BEAST! HIS EIGHT HORNY LEGS MOVED SILENTLY OVER THE GRASS...THEN HIS STRING OF STRONG WEB-SILK LASHED OUT AND ENTANGLED THE BOVINE...

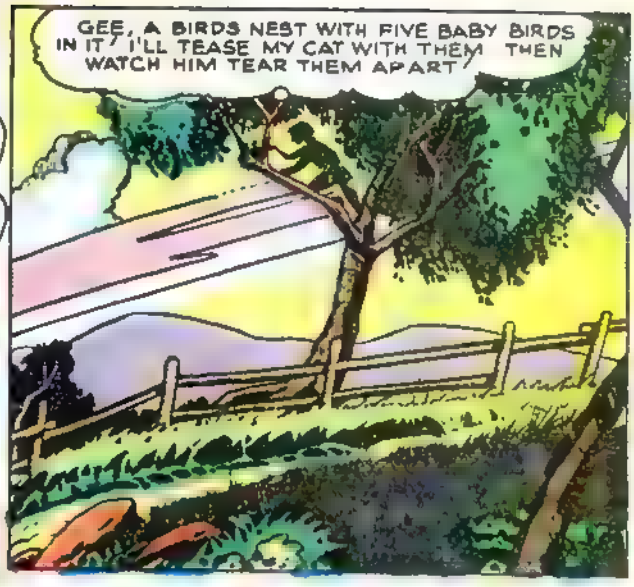


HE WAS OBEDIENT, TARANTA WAS...HE DID EXACTLY AS I TOLD HIM! HE SANK HIS STRONG GRITTY MANDIBLES INTO THE ANIMAL AND SENT HIS BLACK POISON INTO THE STRUGGLING COW...

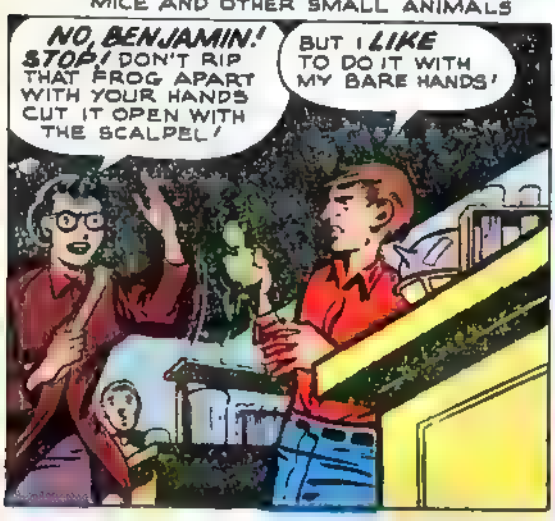

BACK INTO YOUR ROOM AND SLEEP WELL! TOMORROW WE SHALL GO OUT AGAIN...OUR NEIGHBOR STILL HAS A FINE TEAM OF HORSES ... THEY'LL MAKE A FINE MEAL FOR YOU!

TARANTA WAS MINE... ALL MINE! NOBODY IN THAT SMALL VILLAGE OF CEDAR GROVE, VERMONT KNEW I HAD HIM! THEY CALLED ME "BUGGY" BENJAMIN BLAIR, BECAUSE WHEN I WAS A CHILD

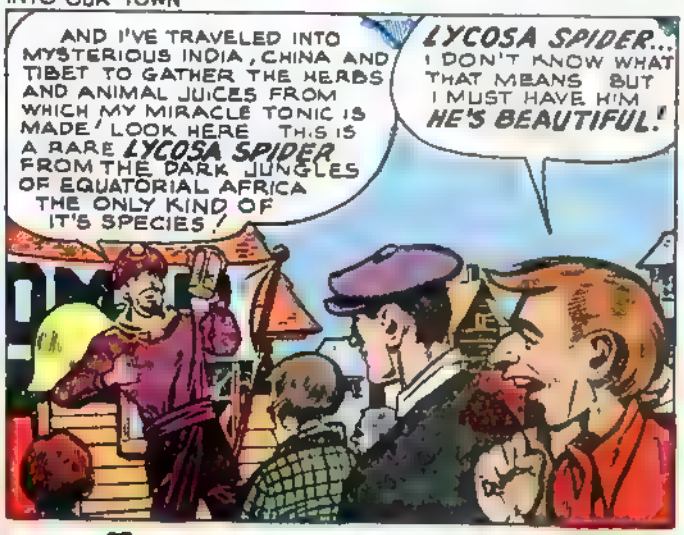

COME ON, BUGGY! THE GANG'S GOIN' SWIMMIN' IN MILLER'S CREEK!
AW, HE WON'T GO. HE'D RATHER CATCH BUTTERFLIES AND GRASSHOPPERS AND WATCH THEM SQUIRM AS HE PULLS THEIR ARMS AND LEGS OFF! THAT'S WHY WE CALL HIM —"BUGGY!"

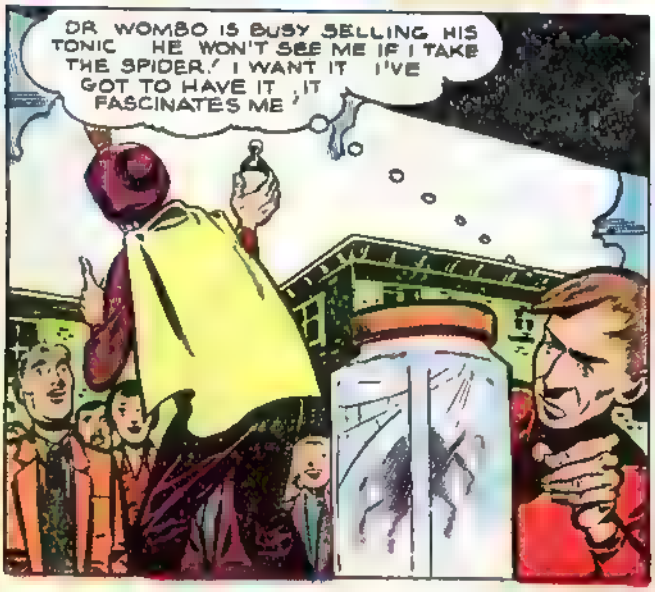


THAT GAVE ME REAL PLEASURE! THEN, WHEN I GREW UP AND WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL, I TOOK BIOLOGY. I LIKED THAT! WE HAD TO CUT OPEN MICE AND OTHER SMALL ANIMALS

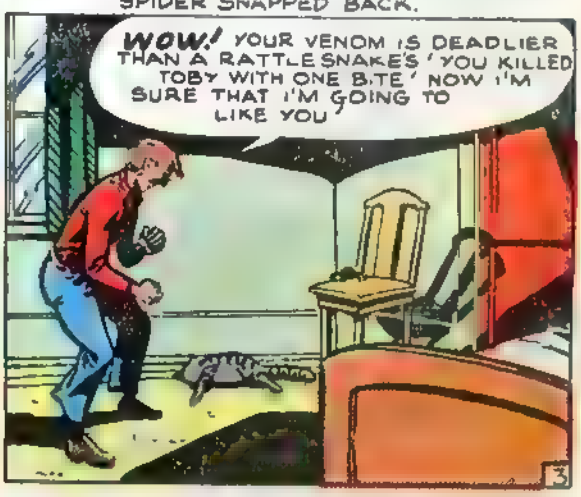


SOMEBODY WAS ALWAYS SPOILING MY FUN THAT WAY! ONE DAY A FEW YEARS LATER A MEDICINE SHOW CAME INTO OUR TOWN

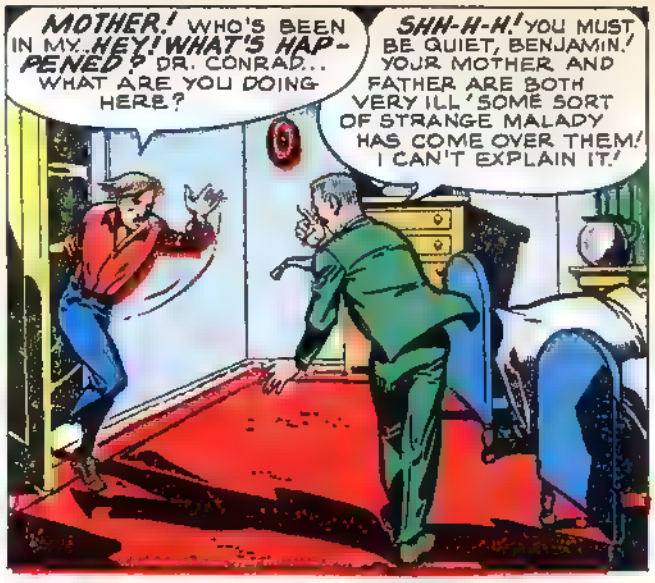

AND I'VE TRAVELED INTO MYSTERIOUS INDIA, CHINA AND TIBET TO GATHER THE HERBS AND ANIMAL JUICES FROM WHICH MY MIRACLE TONIC IS MADE! LOOK HERE THIS IS A RARE LYCOSA SPIDER FROM THE DARK JUNGLES OF EQUATORIAL AFRICA THE ONLY KIND OF IT'S SPECIES!
LYCOSA SPIDER... I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS BUT I MUST HAVE HIM HE'S BEAUTIFUL!

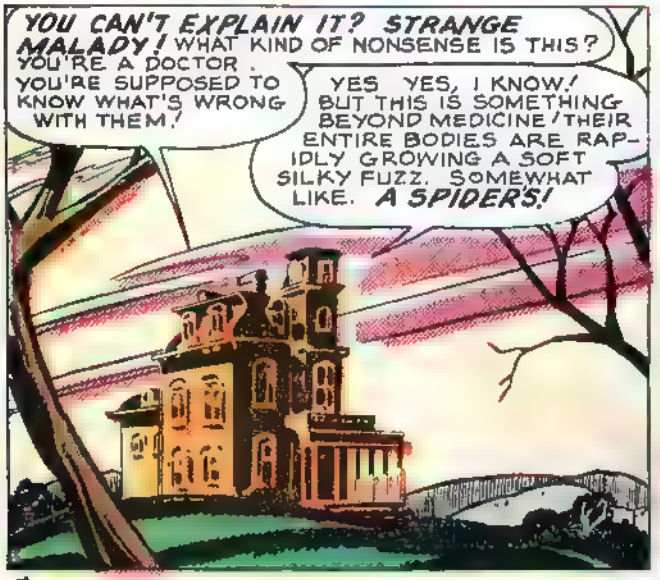


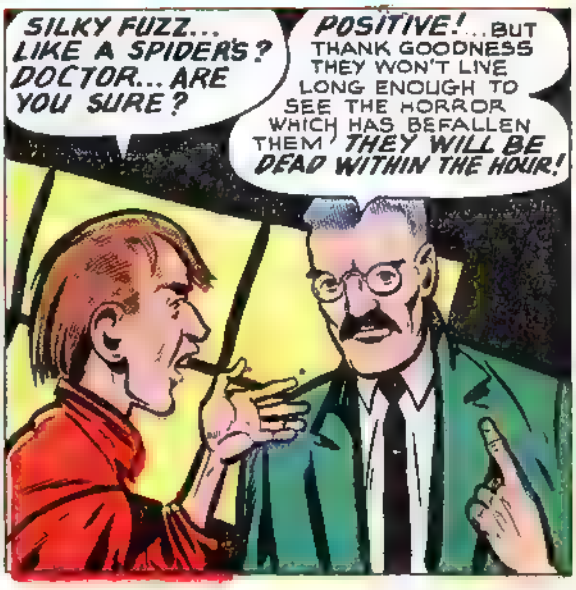
THAT NIGHT I FED MY NEW PET HIS FIRST MEAL OF FLIES AND MOTHS! I DIDN'T KNOW THE DEADLY POWER IT POSESSED UNTIL MY CAT, TOBY, SNIFFED AT HIM AND THE SPIDER SNAPPED BACK.



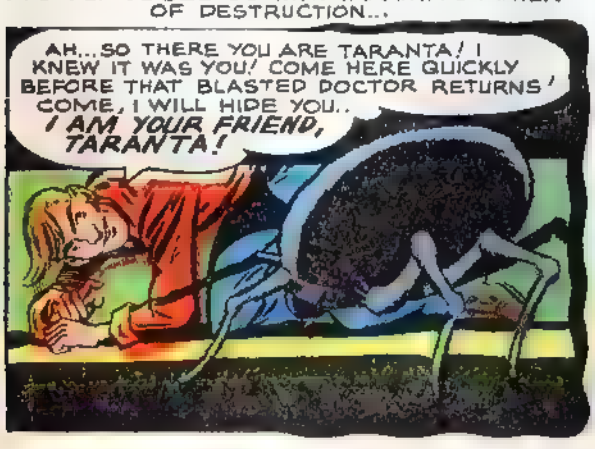
I TOLD NOBODY ABOUT MY PET! I NAMED HIM TARANTA. . AFTER THE DEADLY TARANTA SPECIES OF SPIDERS! MY LITTLE PET MADE ME VERY HAPPY.. IT THRILLED ME TO WATCH HIM DEVOUR THE TINY INSECTS I FED HIM! THEN ONE DAY. .


MOTHER! WHO'S BEEN IN MY..HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENED? DR. CONRAD... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SHH-H-H! YOU MUST BE QUIET, BENJAMIN! YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER ARE BOTH VERY ILL! SOME SORT OF STRANGE MALADY HAS COME OVER THEM! I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT!

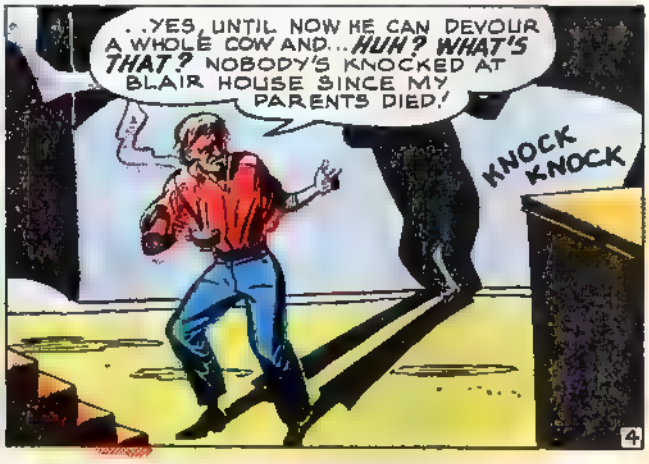

YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN IT? STRANGE MALADY! WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE IS THIS? YOU'RE A DOCTOR . YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM!
YES YES, I KNOW! BUT THIS IS SOMETHING BEYOND MEDICINE! THEIR ENTIRE BODIES ARE RAPIDLY GROWING A SOFT SILKY FUZZ. SOMEWHAT LIKE. A SPIDER'S!

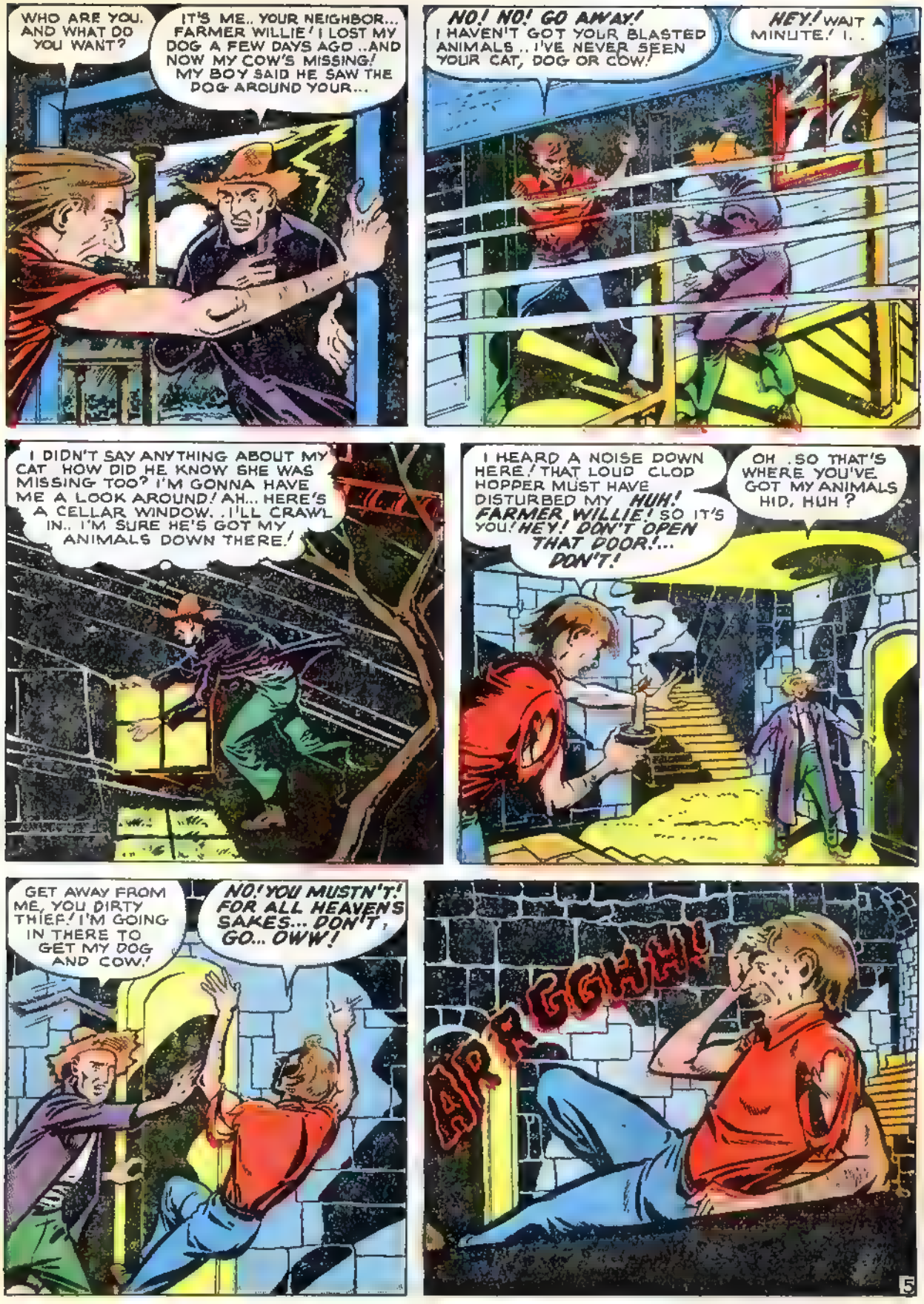

SILKY FUZZ... LIKE A SPIDER'S? DOCTOR... ARE YOU SURE?
POSITIVE!...BUT THANK GOODNESS THEY WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THE HORROR WHICH HAS BEFALLEN THEM! THEY WILL BE DEAD WITHIN THE HOUR!

STRANGELY ENOUGH, MY IMMEDIATE CONCERN WASN'T FOR MY PARENTS! FROM WHAT THE DOCTOR TOLD ME, I WAS SURE THAT TARANTA WASN'T STOLEN. THAT IT WAS MY SPIDER WHO HAD INFLICTED MY MOTHER AND FATHER WITH THAT DEVILISH MALADY! I WAS COMPLETELY OBSESSED WITH TARANTA'S POWER OF DESTRUCTION...

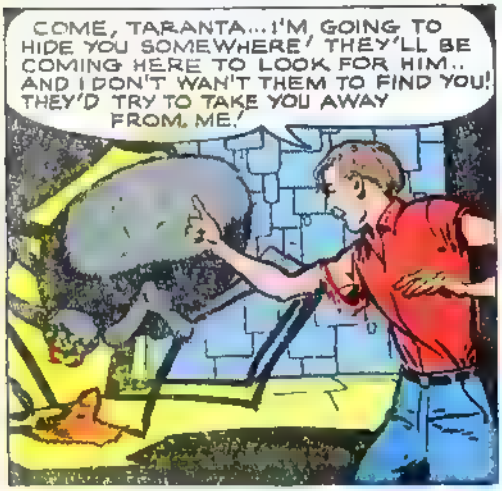

AH...SO THERE YOU ARE TARANTA! I KNEW IT WAS YOU! COME HERE QUICKLY BEFORE THAT BLASTED DOCTOR RETURNS! COME, I WILL HIDE YOU.. I AM YOUR FRIEND, TARANTA!

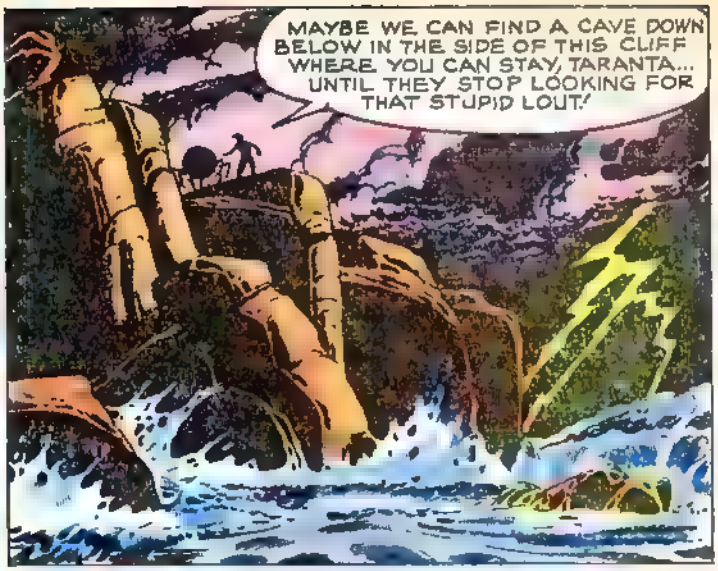
BOTH MY MOTHER AND FATHER DIED THAT DAY, AND I WAS LEFT ALONE IN BLAIR HOUSE...ALONE WITH TARANTA! I TOOK GOOD CARE OF HIM...NURSED HIM WHEN HE WAS SICK... FED HIM! FIRST HE HAD ONLY INSECTS. THEN MICE AND HE GREW BIGGER AND BIGGER!


..YES, UNTIL NOW HE CAN DEVOUR A WHOLE COW AND...HUH? WHAT'S THAT? NOBODY'S KNOCKED AT BLAIR HOUSE SINCE MY PARENTS DIED!
KNOCK KNOCK


WHO ARE YOU, AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?
IT'S ME.. YOUR NEIGHBOR... FARMER WILLIE! I LOST MY DOG A FEW DAYS AGO ..AND NOW MY COW'S MISSING! MY BOY SAID HE SAW THE DOG AROUND YOUR...
NO! NO! GO AWAY! I HAVEN'T GOT YOUR BLASTED ANIMALS .. I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR CAT, DOG OR COW!
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! I. .
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT MY CAT HOW DID HE KNOW SHE WAS MISSING TOO? I'M GONNA HAVE ME A LOOK AROUND! AH... HERE'S A CELLAR WINDOW. .I'LL CRAWL IN.. I'M SURE HE'S GOT MY ANIMALS DOWN THERE!
I HEARD A NOISE DOWN HERE! THAT LOUD CLOD HOPPER MUST HAVE DISTURBED MY HUH! FARMER WILLIE! SO IT'S YOU! HEY! DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR!... DON'T!
OH .SO THAT'S WHERE YOU'VE GOT MY ANIMALS HID, HUH?
GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU DIRTY THIEF! I'M GOING IN THERE TO GET MY DOG AND COW!
NO! YOU MUSTN'T! FOR ALL HEAVENS SAKES... DON'T, GO... OWW!
ARRGGHH!

I WENT INTO TARANTA'S ROOM A FEW MINUTES LATER... ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF FARMER WILLIE WAS HIS OLD STRAW HAT.. AND A MEMORY!


COME, TARANTA... I'M GOING TO HIDE YOU SOMEWHERE! THEY'LL BE COMING HERE TO LOOK FOR HIM.. AND I DON'T WAN'T THEM TO FIND YOU! THEY'D TRY TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ME!


MAYBE WE CAN FIND A CAVE DOWN BELOW IN THE SIDE OF THIS CLIFF WHERE YOU CAN STAY, TARANTA... UNTIL THEY STOP LOOKING FOR THAT STUPID LOUT!

LET'S GO, WE... HEY! TARANTA! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU? GET DOWN! I KNOW WHAT IT IS, YOU BLASTED CANNIBAL... YOU'VE TASTED HUMAN FLESH AND YOU WANT MORE!

MY PUSH SENT TARANTA TO HIS DOOM IN THE BOILING WATERS BELOW . AND I RAN INTO THE HOUSE! SUDDENLY I FELT AS IF MY FLESH WERE CREEPING .. AND WHEN I LOOKED AT MY HANDS...

AND TO THIS DAY, NOBODY DARES TO ENTER BLAIR HOUSE... THAT ANCIENT, BROKEN DOWN HOUSE IN CEDAR GROVE, VERMONT! THEY SAY THE PLACE IS HAUNTED.. BUT I KNOW THAT IT ISN'T BECAUSE I LIVE THERE!

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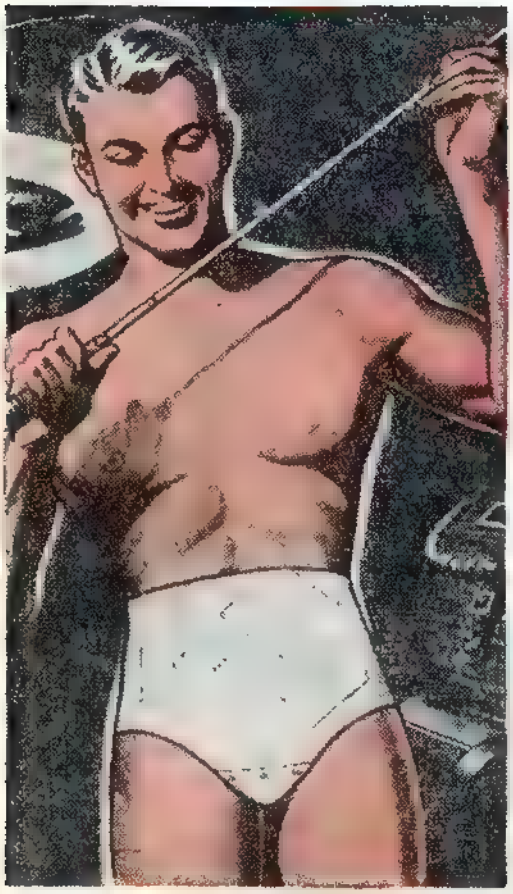

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Mabel was Tony's wife. She had been in on the planning of the First National job and the Pierce Laboratory payroll hold-up, or at least, she knew all about the plans. She knew about the watchman at Pierce that Tony had knocked off, and that would be a murder rap if the police ever got hold of the story.

Tony would have let Mabel alone if she hadn't become so nasty and spiteful of late. It seemed that whenever they had a fight, Mabel threatened to spill what she knew. Her temper was so bad sometimes that Tony figured she might really do it if she ever took it in her head to get rid of Tony.

Hands in his pockets, Tony paced the floor. Sure, he hated to kill Mabel; he used to love her. And he couldn't get rid of the shakiness he felt whenever his mind came back to the idea of how he could do the job. He finally decided he would have to settle down, work out a decent plan, and do it fast.

He sat down on one of the straight-back kitchen chairs. He ran his hands through his long, sticky hair. He looked at his hands, turned them around, and wondered how he could kill his own wife.

He left the room, got his coat and wandered down to Pete's pool room. Mike Blackton was there, as usual, taking a patsy for a few bucks with that ever-useful cue stick. Mike could always pick up the price of a meal, or a room, just by waiting around Pete's for a sucker.

Tony watched them, and pretty soon Mike had all the balls racked up again, but the patsy didn't want any more. He had his lesson, paid Mike five bucks, and walked out muttering something about how he ought to know better than to play with sharps.

Mike turned to Tony.

"How about some practice, Tony?"

"Not now, Mike," Tony answered. "Not in the mood for pool."

"What's troubling you lately?"

Mike was in on all the jobs with Tony, and Tony could tell him about Mabel. Mike wouldn't talk, because Tony had enough to send Mike up the river for good. And anyway, Mike always said that Mabel talked too much, and told Tony to ditch her.

Mike shouldn't have had to play pool for a meal these days. He should have held on to a couple of bucks, like Tony had, but Mike was the kind of guy who figured easy come, easy go.

Tony and Mike walked to the corner, and Tony told Mike the whole story.

"It's Mabel again," Tony started, "she's getting more and more jumpy, and I'm afraid some day she'll get crazy enough to run off at the mouth to the D.A."

"So, Tony, whattya gonna do?"

"Mike, I figure maybe I gotta knock her off now. It's getting so it's either her or me, but, Mike, how I hate to do it!"

"Listen, pal. Maybe I can do it for you. What's in it for me?"

"You'll be rid of her too. Anything she might blab about me she could include you in it, too. But I'll tell you what, Mike. She's got a few G's insurance. I'll split it with you. But how will you do it? It's gotta be neat."

"Look, sonny, you're talking to Mike Blackton. I don't do no job unless it's neat."

"Okay, Mike, but how?"

"I've been learning something about needles from a sawbones I know. A quack who patched me up once. Now, I'll follow Mabel into the subway when she goes to work tomorrow, and . . ."

Mike Blackton then unfolded his nefarious plot to Tony, and Tony smiled the smile of a yellow criminal, whose goal was in sight.

Tony walked home free and easy in his mind. He wanted Mabel out of the way, but he was afraid to take her life as he had taken the life of the Pierce, watchman, and he was relieved to know Mike would do it for him. It was worth a couple G's.

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outside Tony's house, concealed behind a doorway. At 8:30 Mabel walked out of the door and turned toward the subway. From a safe distance Mike followed. Mabel stopped at the newsstand, bought a paper, and walked down into the subway entrance with the crowd. In a moment she was surrounded by the mob, and almost carried to the turnstile and out onto the platform. In a moment a train came along, and Mabel forced her way into the crowded doorway.

Into the next car went Mike Blackton.

Mabel Gardella didn't have to work. She had plenty of money, especially with Tony's loot from several jobs. But she wanted to be able to show some income if the cops ever came nosing around again, and she and Mike figured it would look good enough if she had a job. So every morning she rode the subway at 8:30. She was unaware this particular morning that in the next car her husband's friend was plotting against her life.

Mike moved down into Mabel's car, and, unknown to her, he edged up until he was standing directly between her and the rail which divided the car in two. He reached into his pocket, took out a dangerous looking hypodermic needle, kept it close to his side so it could not be seen, and pointed it directly at Mabel's hip.

Mabel shrieked with pain as the needle pierced her skin.

Pandemonium broke loose in the crowd. A man held Mabel upright as she went into a dead faint. Women screamed, and someone pulled the emergency cord. The train jolted to a stop.

A subway guard shouldered his way through the crowd and took a look at Mabel. By a Herculean effort, he made them back away, and he stretched the limp form out on one of the seats. He had no idea Mabel was in any danger, but fortunately, he took no chances, and immediately started first aid.

Mike tried to move off in the other direction, and had walked a few feet away, when another guard grabbed his arm.

"Stay here, Bud, no one's leaving this car."

"What's wrong, pal? Just 'cause a dame faints, I gotta stay?"

"See this?" the guard asked, and showed Mike the needle he had spied on the floor. Mike's face went white. He cursed the bad luck that had made some fool pull the emergency. If the train had kept going, Mike would have been off at the next station, but stopped here, he couldn't get away. Better to play innocent.

Meantime, the train was rushed to a station, and Mabel was unloaded to a hospital. They caught the poison in time, and saved her life. It was finding the needle that saved the doctor's time in searching for the cause of her unconsciousness, and fortunately he was able to help her.

Since Mike was the first person who tried to get out of the car, he was suspected immediately, and when his fingerprints were found on the needle, the evidence was easy for a conviction.

Under pressure, Mike confessed the plot to kill Mabel, who, in turn, spilled all the information convicting Tony. She got off with a suspended sentence, but the boys died for all of their crimes, based on Mabel's evidence.

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"I HELD THE WORLD JOURNAL AND SUN IN MY HAND ON THAT JANUARY SECOND EVENING OF 1951 AND MUSED WHAT A PERFECT WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR "
WHAT ELSE COULD THE JURY HAVE DECIDED? I COVERED UP EVERY CLUE! GLORIA IS DEAD! I KILLED HER, AND HER STUTTERING VOICE THAT JARRED MY EXISTENCE IS SILENCED FOREVER!
THE WORLD JOU
HARRY WILSON ACQUITTED
"I SAT IN THE COMFORTABLE LIVING ROOM OF WHAT WAS NOW MY BACHELOR APARTMENT HIGH ABOVE PARK AVENUE AND 63RD STREET! BUT EVEN INTO THE STAID HOMES OF THE RICH HORROR CAN STRIKE "
H-H-HARRY, W-WHY DID YOU M-MURDER ME?
THAT VOICE! THAT STUTTERING VOICE! IT'S GLORIA'S!

IT'S RIDICULOUS! THE RADIO MUST BE ON! MY MIND'S PLAYING TRICKS! SHE'S DEAD.. SILENCED FOR ETERNITY!
"I KEPT REPEATING TO MYSELF SHE'S DEAD.. SILENCED! BUT NEXT EVENING AS I SAT IN THE ROOM...THAT MURDER ROOM WHERE I HAD SO CLEVERLY KILLED HER... SUDDENLY "
H-H-HARRY! WHY DID YOU M-MURDER ME? A-A-ADMIT Y-YOU M-MURDERED ME!
NO! NO! WHO IS PLAYING WITH ME? STOP THIS MAD JEST!
"I STALKED THROUGH EVERY ROOM IN THE APARTMENT. SILENCE! FOR DAYS I DARED NOT OPEN THE LIVING ROOM DOOR! THE STUTTERING VOICE OF THE UNSEEN ACCUSER PLAGUED MY THOUGHTS! I HAD TO PROVE TO MYSELF THAT IT WASN'T THERE! I SLOWLY OPENED THE LIVING ROOM DOOR."
I'VE GOT TO STOP ACTING LIKE A FOOL OR I'LL GIVE MYSELF AWAY! I'LL GO IN THERE AND THIS TIME GLORIA'S VOICE WON'T BOTHER ME!
"I OPENED THE DOOR! EVERYTHING WAS JUST AS I LEFT IT BUT YET I FELT AN UNSEEN MALICIOUS PRESENCE IN THAT ROOM AND MY EARS STRAINED TO LISTEN FOR THAT FRIGHTFUL VOICE.."
H-H-HARRY! ADMIT YOU M-MURDERED ME?
THE VOICE! I'VE GOT TO STOP IT OR I'LL GO MAD!
"I SLASHED BEHIND THE CURTAINS, RIPPED OPEN EVERY CLOSET DOOR...NOTHING! THEN NEXT DAY, I WENT TO GREG PARRINGTON! HE WAS AN EMINENT PSYCHIATRIST AND HAD INTRODUCED ME TO GLORIA. "
GREG YOU'VE KNOWN ME FOR YEARS! YOU KNOW I'M SANE. BUT I TELL YOU I'VE BEEN HEARING A VOICE IN MY APARTMENT BUT IN ONLY ONE ROOM! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN IT?
GUILT!
GREG PARRINTON PSYCHIATRIST
PREPOSTEROUS! I HAVE NOTHING TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT!
THAT'S HOW A PSYCHIATRIST WOULD EXPLAIN IT, HARRY! OTHERWISE WE HAVE TO ASSUME "VOICE" COMES FROM "THE OTHER WORLD"! COME ON, HARRY! I'VE GOT A WAY TO PROVE TO YOU WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A VOICE IN THAT ONE ROOM!
"WE WENT TO A MADISON AVENUE PET SHOP AND GREG BOUGHT A PARROT, A YOUNG GREEN PARROT, JUST BROUGHT THERE BY A SOUTH AMERICAN AND THE BIRD KNEW NOT A WORD OF ENGLISH "
HABLA ESPAÑOL? QUAW! QUAW!
PARROTS ARE IMITATORS! WHATEVER THEY HEAR, THEY REPEAT! LOCK UP POLLY IN THAT ROOM FOR TWO DAYS AND LET'S SEE IF HE'S IMITATING ANY ENGLISH VOICES!
GREG, THIS IS MAD!
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OBJECTIONS WERE USELESS. GREG WAS OUT TO CONVINCE ME NO UNSEEN VOICES CALLED OUT IN MY LIVING ROOM. BUT AS WE CARRIED THE PARROT INTO THAT ROOM
HARRY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE BIRD? IT'S TREMBLING LIKE A LEAF!
NOTHING.. I'LL JUST LEAVE IT IN HERE NOW!
IT WON'T STAY IN HERE! IT'S TERRIFIED... IT'S SEEING SOMETHING WE CAN'T SEE!
HARRY, YOU'RE TALKING LIKE A FOOL! I'LL GET THAT PARROT!
THERE! NOW WHAT COULD HAVE FRIGHTENED IT? WHAT A SHAME IT DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH.. MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER US!
L-LET'S STOP THIS EXPERIMENT.. IT'S STUPID! I NEVER REALLY HEARD ANY VOICES IN THIS ROOM!
WELL, LET'S SEE IF THE PARROT HEARS VOICES! WE'LL LOCK IT IN WITH FOOD AND WATER! TWO DAYS FROM NOW WE'LL SEE IF IT CAN REPEAT YOUR VOICES! I'LL TAKE THE KEY TO BE CERTAIN NO ONE CAN GET INTO IT!
GREG, WE'RE CARRYING THIS TOO FAR! TAKE THE BIRD AWAY!
"BUT THE DOOR CLICKED SHUT AND GREG LEFT WITH THE KEY! THE NEXT DAY, I LEANED AGAINST THAT DOOR LISTENING FEARFULLY, TREMBLING LEST THE BIRD CRY OUT, IN GLORIA'S VOICE!"
SILENCE! NOT A SOUND! I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR!
"THEN I PEEKED THROUGH THE KEYHOLE, MY EYE FOCUSED ON THAT NOW SILENT GREEN BIRD WHOSE VOCAL MIMICRY ALMOST MADE IT SEEM POSSESSOR OF A HUMAN SOUL! THERE IT WAS, PERCHED UPON THE VERY CHAIR WHERE I HAD MURDERED GLORIA AND IT'S BEAK, THAT HORRID CONICAL BEAK, SEEMED TO BE TRYING TO FORM WORDS AND SEEMED TO STUTTER"
"IT HASN'T TALKED SINCE IT'S BEEN IN THAT INFERNAL ROOM! IT ISN'T TRYING TO TALK NOW! IT'S JUST MOVING ITS BILL SENSELESSLY! IT WON'T TALK TOMORROW WHEN GREG COMES,' THERE NEVER WAS A VOICE INSIDE THAT ROOM THAT ACCUSED ME OF MURDER!"

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NOW HARRY, WHAT DO YOU SAY? WHY THAT BIRD IS SULLEN AND QUIET! IT DIDN'T HEAR ANY OF YOUR "VOICES"!
AND I GUESS I REALLY DIDN'T EITHER! GLORIA'S DEATH UPSET ME... THAT'S ALL IT WAS!
"TRIUMPH THRILLED MY WHOLE BEING! I PLAYED WITH THE SILENT BIRD, TEASED IT AND BEGGED IT TO SPEAK...NOT A WORD! I SAT BACK, CURED FOREVER OF THE HAUNTING FEAR OF GLORIA'S STUTTERING VOICE, COME BACK FROM DEATH TO NAME ME AS HER MURDERER..."
H-H-HARRY! WHY D-D-DID YOU M-MURDER ME?
GREAT HEAVENS! THAT'S GLORIA'S VOICE!
H-HARRY! CONFESS YOU M-MURDERED ME!
BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THAT BIRD NEVER HEARD GLORIA SPEAK! YET HE HAS MIMICKED HER STUTTER AND INTONATIONS PERFECTLY!
I'LL SILENCE HIM!
H-H-HARRY! C-C-CONFESS!
OUT WITH YOU! FLY BACK TO THAT INFERNAL WORLD THAT SENT YOU HERE TO PLAGUE ME!
C-CONFESS!
HARRY! HARRY! DID YOU MURDER GLORIA?
YES! YES! WHAT'S THE USE OF DENYING IT? SHE'S COME BACK TO HAUNT ME! SHE'S HERE IN THIS VERY ROOM, WHERE I MURDERED HER! I COULDN'T END HER STUTTERING VOICE..IT'S HERE! THE PARROT HEARD IT AND TOOK UP HER GHOSTLY CONDEMNING CRY! I KILLED HER!
HARRY!
"I LUNGED FOR THE BIRD! I WOULD SILENCE THAT STUTTERING MIMIC FOREVER! HE HOVERED JUST OUT OF RANGE... THE WINDOW WAS OPEN... I FELL FOWARD REACHING FOR THAT RELENTLESS PARROT... GLORIA'S AVENGER!'"
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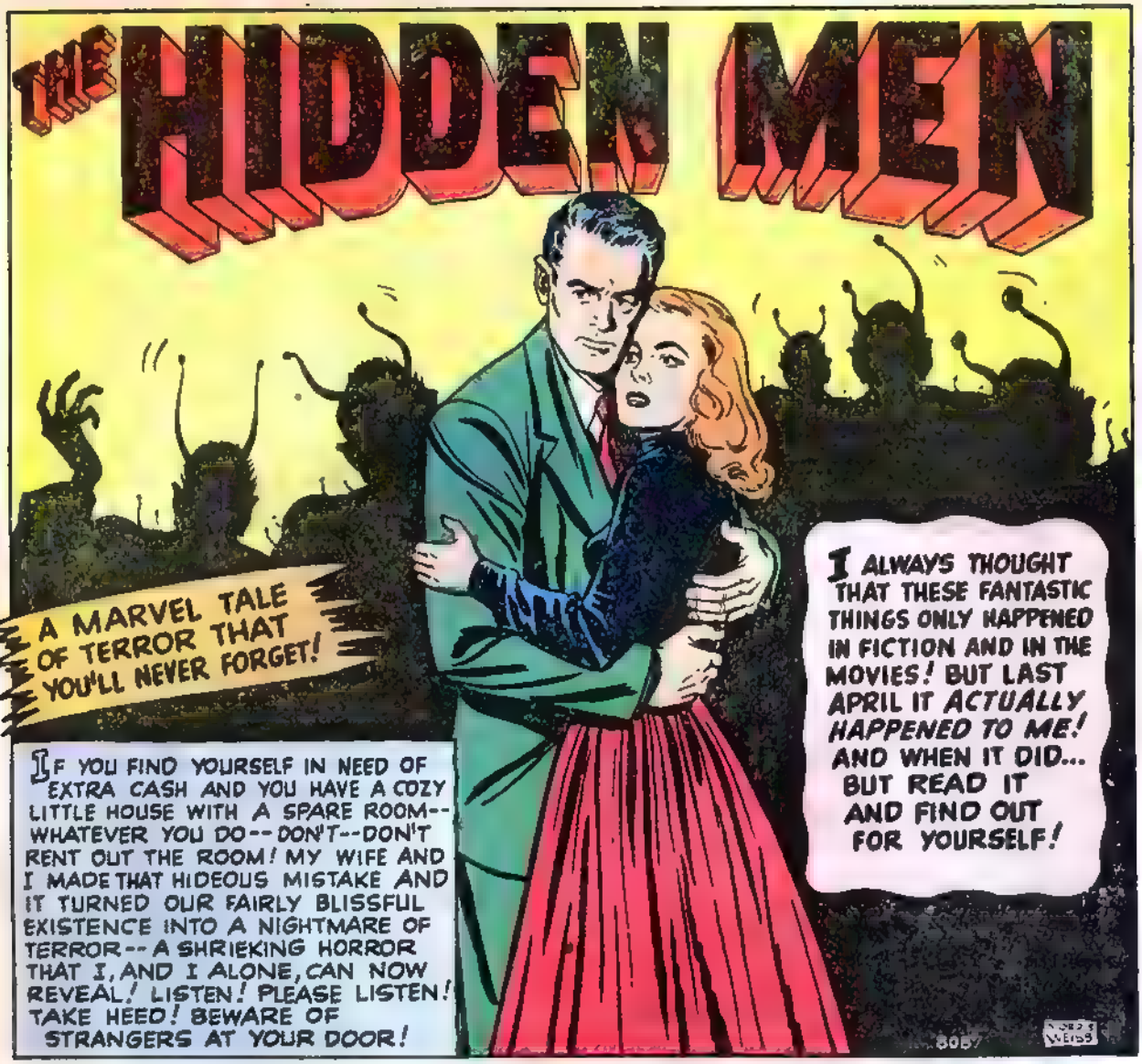
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I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THESE FANTASTIC THINGS ONLY HAPPENED IN FICTION AND IN THE MOVIES! BUT LAST APRIL IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED TO ME! AND WHEN IT DID... BUT READ IT AND FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF!
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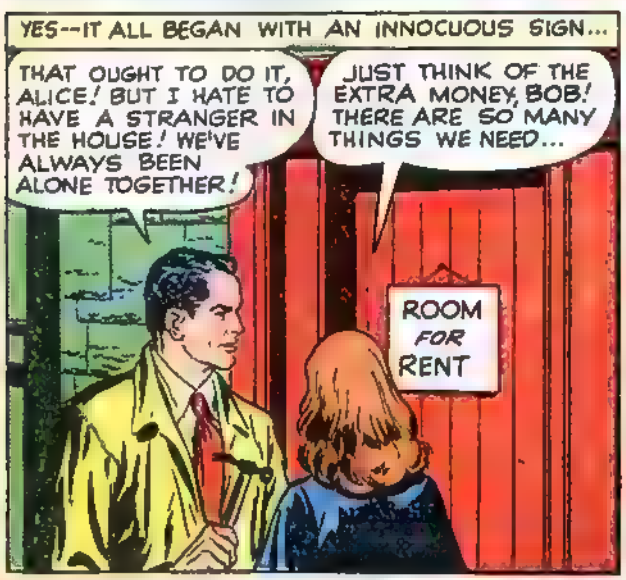
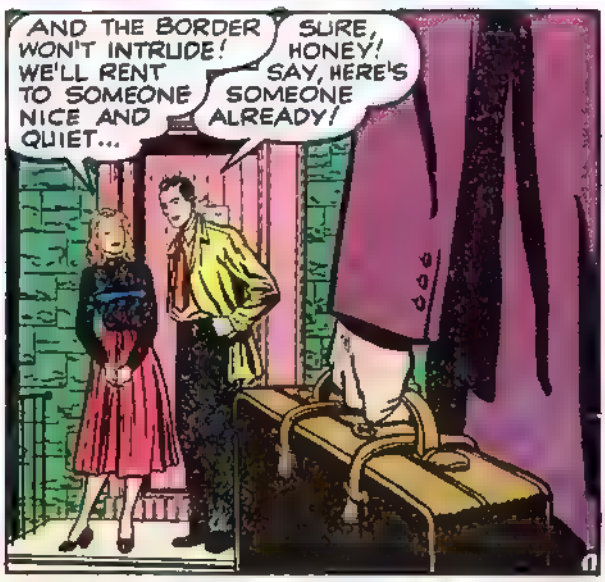
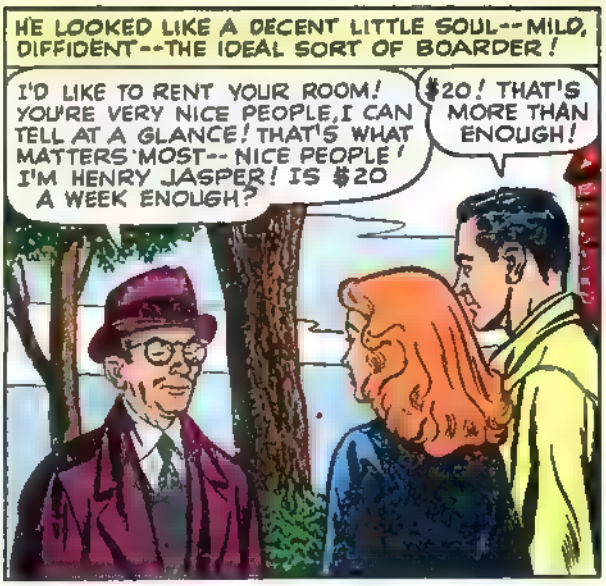
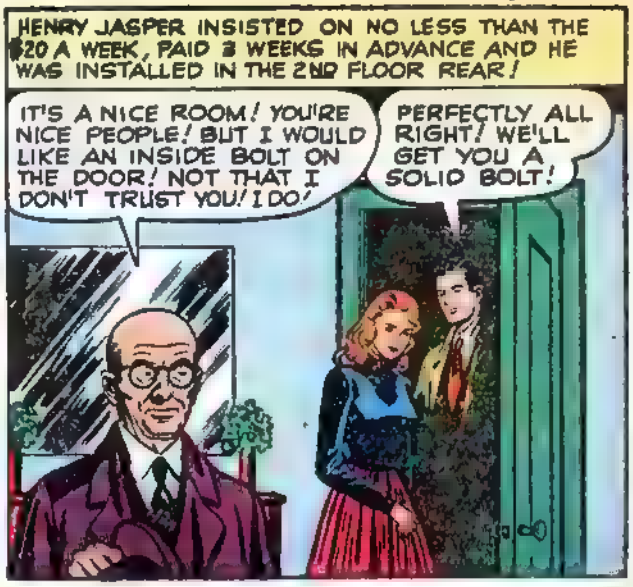
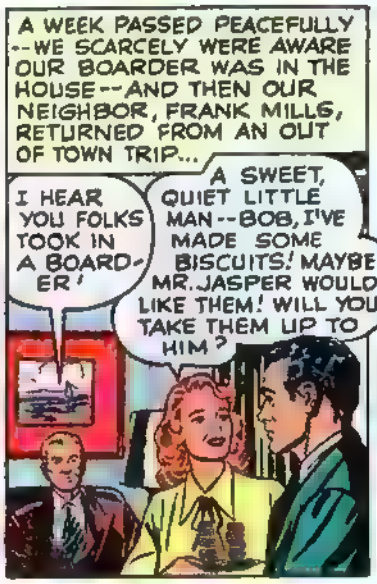

YES--IT ALL BEGAN WITH AN INNOCUOUS SIGN...
THAT OUGHT TO DO IT, ALICE! BUT I HATE TO HAVE A STRANGER IN THE HOUSE! WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE TOGETHER!
JUST THINK OF THE EXTRA MONEY, BOB! THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS WE NEED...
ROOM FOR RENT


AND THE BORDER WON'T INTRUDE! WE'LL RENT TO SOMEONE NICE AND QUIET...
SURE, HONEY! SAY, HERE'S SOMEONE ALREADY!


HE LOOKED LIKE A DECENT LITTLE SOUL--MILD, DIFFIDENT--THE IDEAL SORT OF BOARDER!
I'D LIKE TO RENT YOUR ROOM! YOU'RE VERY NICE PEOPLE, I CAN TELL AT A GLANCE! THAT'S WHAT MATTERS MOST--NICE PEOPLE! I'M HENRY JASPER! IS $20 A WEEK ENOUGH?
$20! THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH!

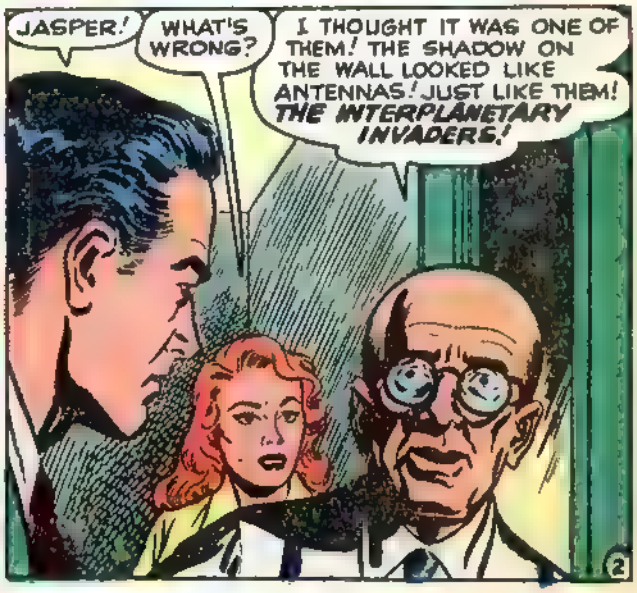

HENRY JASPER INSISTED ON NO LESS THAN THE $20 A WEEK, PAID 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE AND HE WAS INSTALLED IN THE 2ND FLOOR REAR!
IT'S A NICE ROOM! YOU'RE NICE PEOPLE! BUT I WOULD LIKE AN INSIDE BOLT ON THE DOOR! NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU! I DO!
PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT! WE'LL GET YOU A SOLID BOLT!

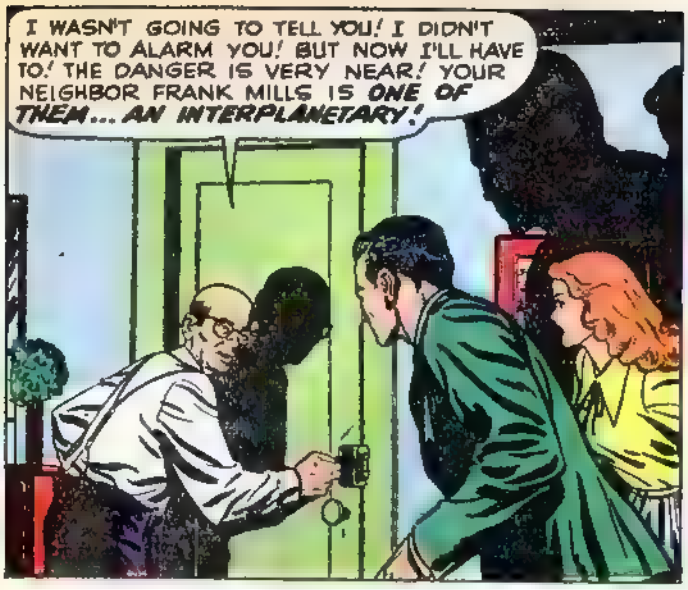
BOB, THAT WAS A PECULIAR REQUEST! WHY WOULD HE WANT TO LOCK HIMSELF IN?
MIDDLE-AGED BACHELOR--PROBABLY HAS HIS LITTLE QUIRKS! HONEY, FOR WHAT HE'S PAYING WE CAN PUT UP WITH HIS ECCENTRICITIES!

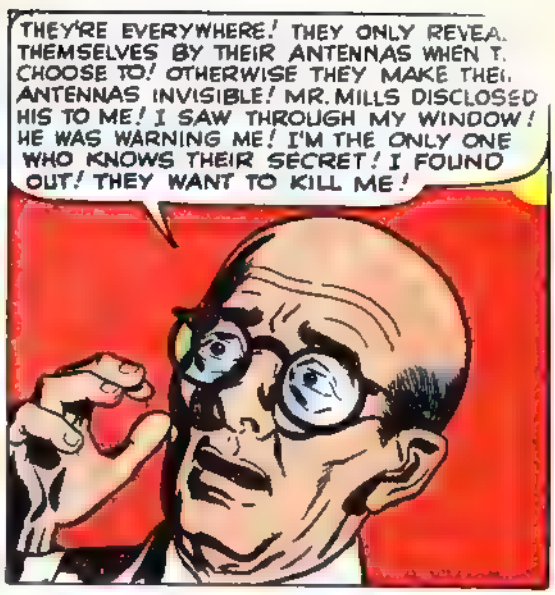

A WEEK PASSED PEACEFULLY--WE SCARCELY WERE AWARE OUR BOARDER WAS IN THE HOUSE--AND THEN OUR NEIGHBOR, FRANK MILLS, RETURNED FROM AN OUT OF TOWN TRIP...
I HEAR YOU FOLKS TOOK IN A BOARDER!
A SWEET, QUIET LITTLE MAN--BOB, I'VE MADE SOME BISCUITS! MAYBE MR. JASPER WOULD LIKE THEM! WILL YOU TAKE THEM UP TO HIM?

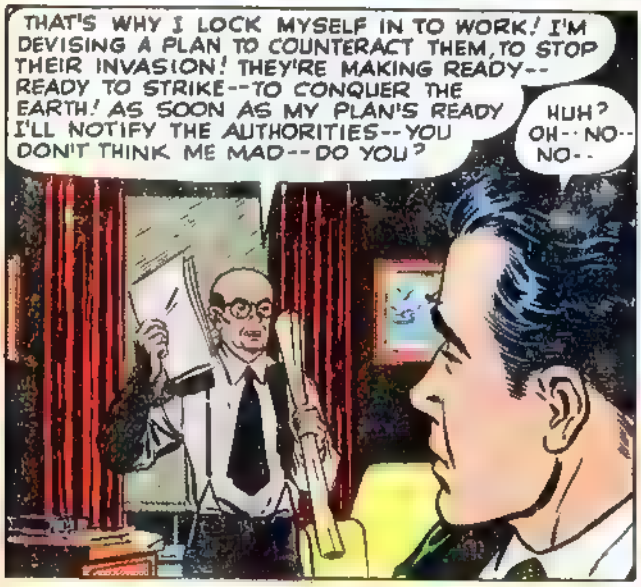
DROP IN TONIGHT, FRANK! I BATCH IT EVERY TUESDAY--ALICE'S CLUB MEETING--WE'LL PLAY SOME CARDS!
FINE! I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT!

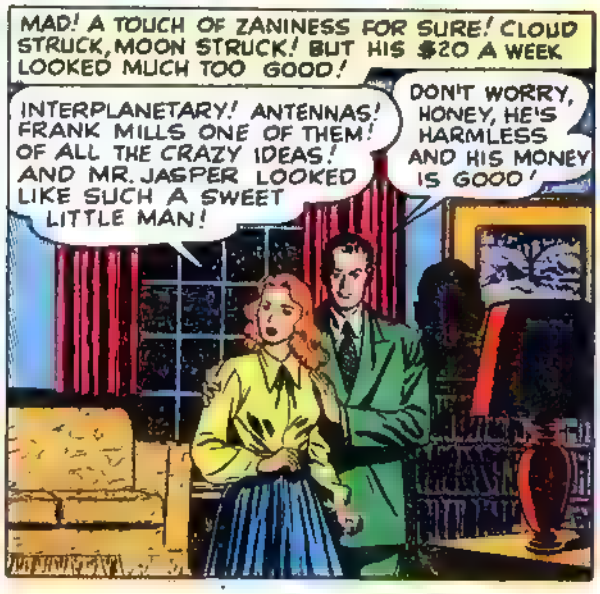
NO! NO! STAY AWAY! HELP!
GOOD GOSH! THAT'S JASPER!

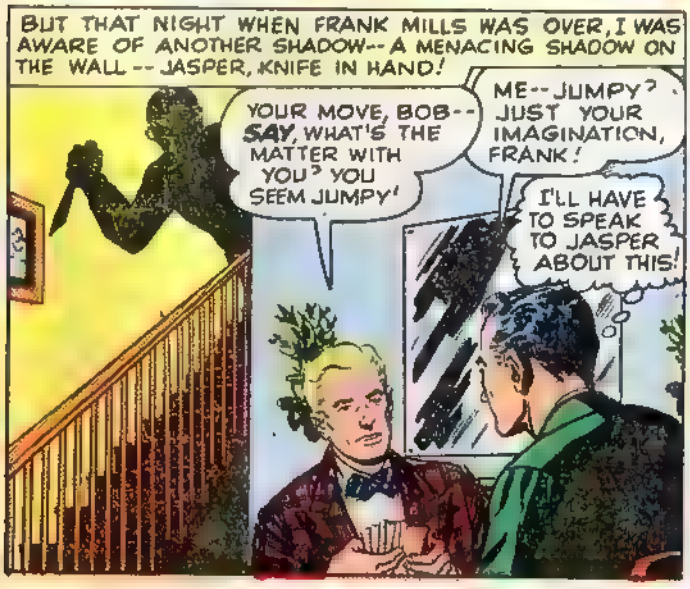

JASPER!
WHAT'S WRONG?
I THOUGHT IT WAS ONE OF THEM! THE SHADOW ON THE WALL LOOKED LIKE ANTENNAS! JUST LIKE THEM! THE INTERPLANETARY INVADERS!


I WASN'T GOING TO TELL YOU! I DIDN'T WANT TO ALARM YOU! BUT NOW I'LL HAVE TO! THE DANGER IS VERY NEAR! YOUR NEIGHBOR FRANK MILLS IS ONE OF THEM... AN INTERPLANETARY!

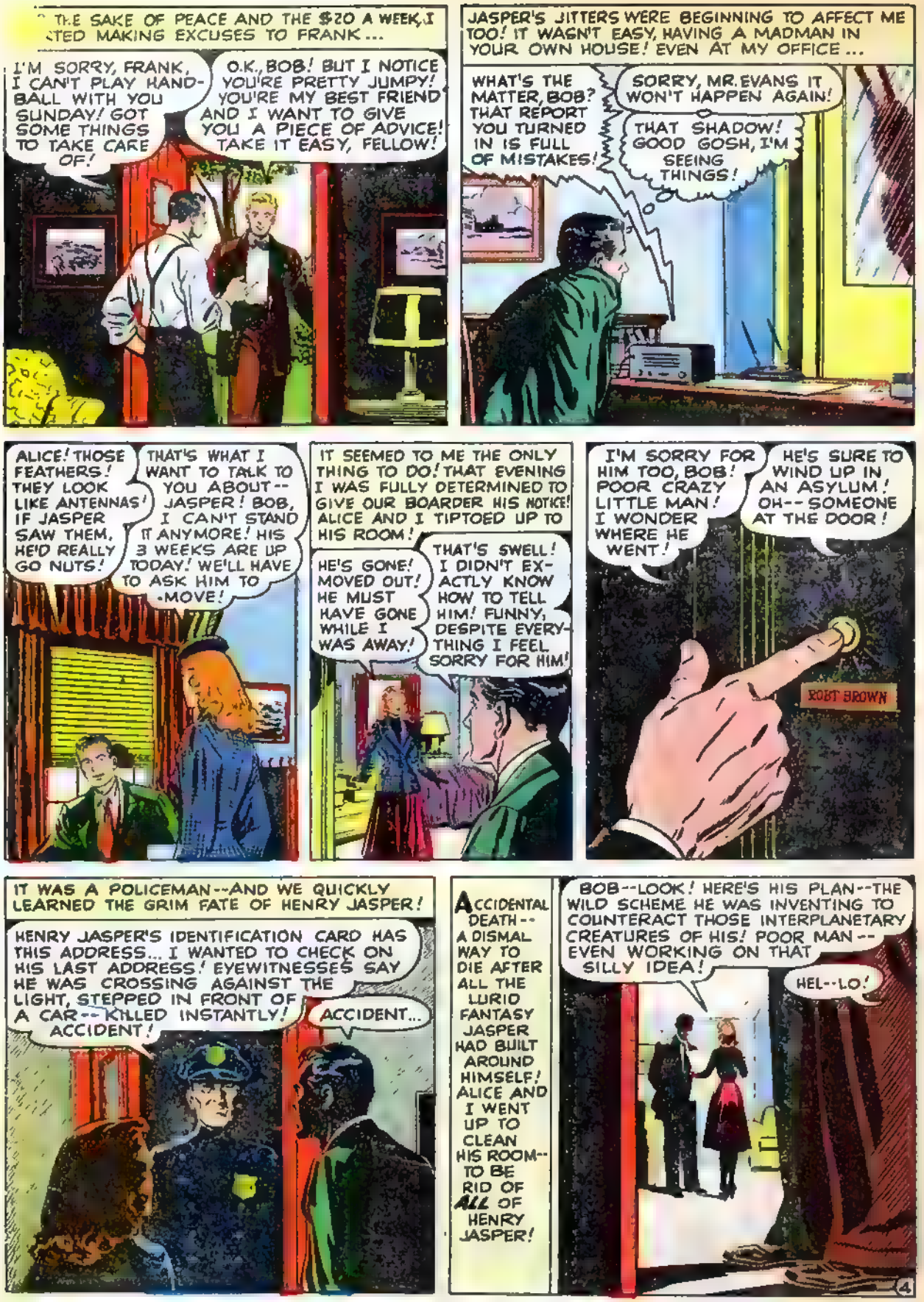

THEY'RE EVERYWHERE! THEY ONLY REVEA. THEMSELVES BY THEIR ANTENNAS WHEN T. CHOOSE TO! OTHERWISE THEY MAKE THEI. ANTENNAS INVISIBLE! MR. MILLS DISCLOSED HIS TO ME! I SAW THROUGH MY WINDOW! HE WAS WARNING ME! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THEIR SECRET! I FOUND OUT! THEY WANT TO KILL ME!


THAT'S WHY I LOCK MYSELF IN TO WORK! I'M DEVISING A PLAN TO COUNTERACT THEM, TO STOP THEIR INVASION! THEY'RE MAKING READY-- READY TO STRIKE--TO CONQUER THE EARTH! AS SOON AS MY PLAN'S READY I'LL NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES--YOU DON'T THINK ME MAD--DO YOU?
HUH? OH--NO-- NO--


MAD! A TOUCH OF ZANINESS FOR SURE! CLOUD STRUCK, MOON STRUCK! BUT HIS $20 A WEEK LOOKED MUCH TOO GOOD!
INTERPLANETARY! ANTENNAS! FRANK MILLS ONE OF THEM! OF ALL THE CRAZY IDEAS! AND MR. JASPER LOOKED LIKE SUCH A SWEET LITTLE MAN!
DON'T WORRY, HONEY, HE'S HARMLESS AND HIS MONEY IS GOOD!


BUT THAT NIGHT WHEN FRANK MILLS WAS OVER, I WAS AWARE OF ANOTHER SHADOW--A MENACING SHADOW ON THE WALL--JASPER, KNIFE IN HAND!
YOUR MOVE, BOB-- SAY, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? YOU SEEM JUMPY!
ME--JUMPY? JUST YOUR IMAGINATION, FRANK!
I'LL HAVE TO SPEAK TO JASPER ABOUT THIS!

AS SOON AS FRANK LEFT...
I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOUR FEELINGS! DON'T THINK ME IMPOLITE! BUT I JUST CAN'T HAVE YOU HOVERING ABOUT OUR GUESTS WITH KNIVES!
HE'S NOT A GUEST! I TOLD YOU MR MILLS IS ONE OF THE INTER-PLANETARY IN-VADERS! I BEG YOU--I WARN YOU! DON'T LET HIM IN THE HOUSE ANYMORE! PLEASE PROMISE ME!


THE SAKE OF PEACE AND THE $20 A WEEK, I STED MAKING EXCUSES TO FRANK...
I'M SORRY, FRANK, I CAN'T PLAY HANDBALL WITH YOU SUNDAY! GOT SOME THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF!
O.K., BOB! BUT I NOTICE YOU'RE PRETTY JUMPY! YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND AND I WANT TO GIVE YOU A PIECE OF ADVICE! TAKE IT EASY, FELLOW!
JASPER'S JITTERS WERE BEGINNING TO AFFECT ME TOO! IT WASN'T EASY, HAVING A MADMAN IN YOUR OWN HOUSE! EVEN AT MY OFFICE...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOB? THAT REPORT YOU TURNED IN IS FULL OF MISTAKES!
SORRY, MR. EVANS IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!
THAT SHADOW! GOOD GOSH, I'M SEEING THINGS!
ALICE! THOSE FEATHERS! THEY LOOK LIKE ANTENNAS! IF JASPER SAW THEM, HE'D REALLY GO NUTS!
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT -- JASPER! BOB, I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE! HIS 3 WEEKS ARE UP TODAY! WE'LL HAVE TO ASK HIM TO MOVE!
IT SEEMED TO ME THE ONLY THING TO DO! THAT EVENING I WAS FULLY DETERMINED TO GIVE OUR BOARDER HIS NOTICE! ALICE AND I TIPTOED UP TO HIS ROOM!
HE'S GONE! MOVED OUT! HE MUST HAVE GONE WHILE I WAS AWAY!
THAT'S SWELL! I DIDN'T EXACTLY KNOW HOW TO TELL HIM! FUNNY, DESPITE EVERYTHING I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM!
I'M SORRY FOR HIM TOO, BOB! POOR CRAZY LITTLE MAN! I WONDER WHERE HE WENT!
HE'S SURE TO WIND UP IN AN ASYLUM! OH -- SOMEONE AT THE DOOR!
ROBT BROWN
IT WAS A POLICEMAN -- AND WE QUICKLY LEARNED THE GRIM FATE OF HENRY JASPER!
HENRY JASPER'S IDENTIFICATION CARD HAS THIS ADDRESS... I WANTED TO CHECK ON HIS LAST ADDRESS! EYEWITNESSES SAY HE WAS CROSSING AGAINST THE LIGHT, STEPPED IN FRONT OF A CAR -- KILLED INSTANTLY!
ACCIDENT!
ACCIDENT...
ACCIDENTAL DEATH -- A DISMAL WAY TO DIE AFTER ALL THE LURID FANTASY JASPER HAD BUILT AROUND HIMSELF! ALICE AND I WENT UP TO CLEAN HIS ROOM -- TO BE RID OF ALL OF HENRY JASPER!
BOB -- LOOK! HERE'S HIS PLAN -- THE WILD SCHEME HE WAS INVENTING TO COUNTERACT THOSE INTERPLANETARY CREATURES OF HIS! POOR MAN -- EVEN WORKING ON THAT SILLY IDEA!
HEL--LO!
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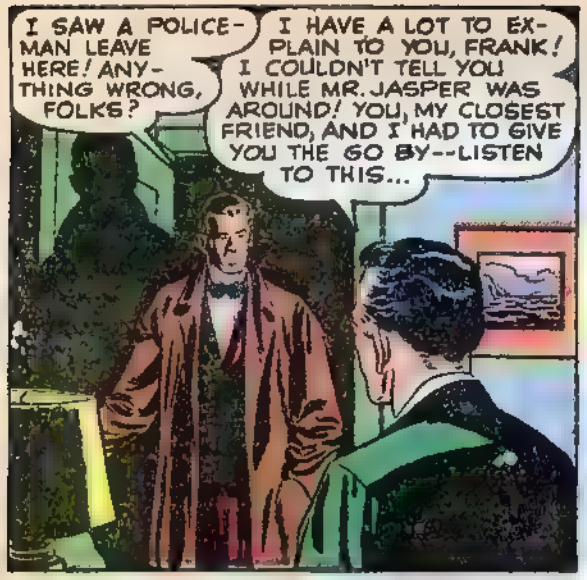
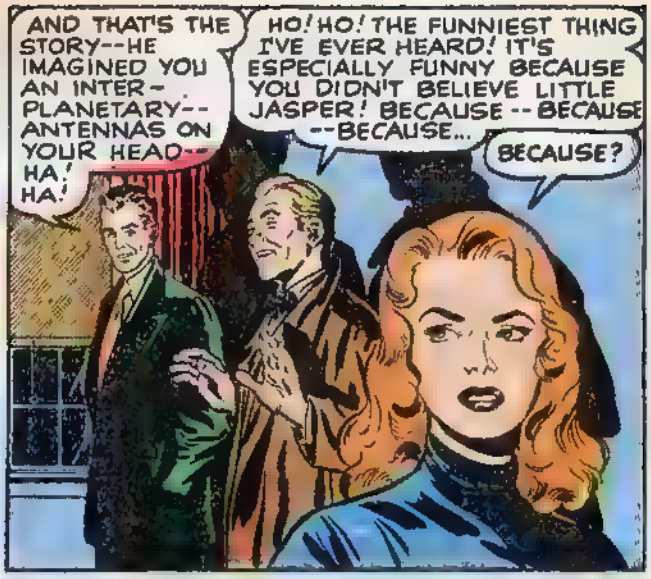
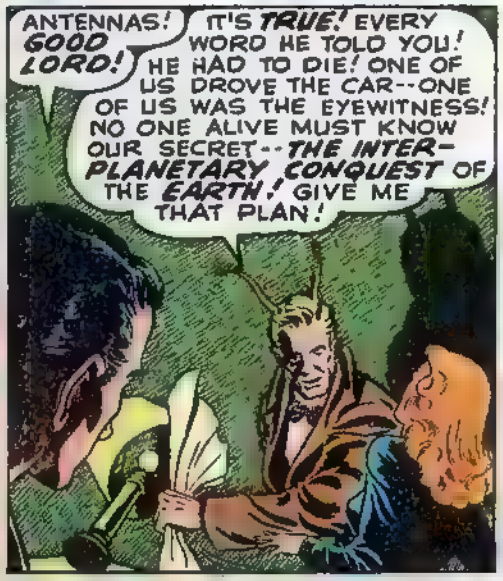
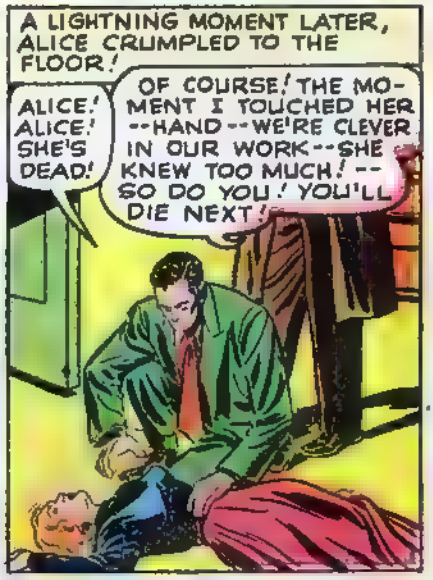
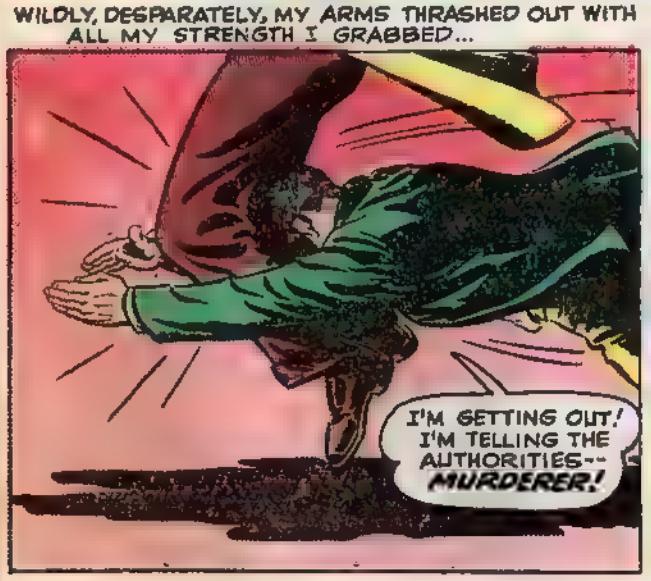

I SAW A POLICEMAN LEAVE HERE! ANYTHING WRONG, FOLKS?
I HAVE A LOT TO EXPLAIN TO YOU, FRANK! I COULDN'T TELL YOU WHILE MR. JASPER WAS AROUND! YOU, MY CLOSEST FRIEND, AND I HAD TO GIVE YOU THE GO BY--LISTEN TO THIS...

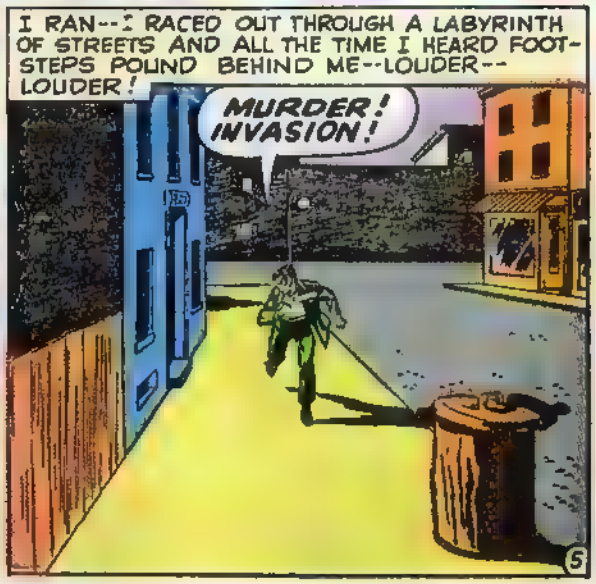

AND THAT'S THE STORY--HE IMAGINED YOU AN INTER-PLANETARY--ANTENNAS ON YOUR HEAD--HA! HA!
HO! HO! THE FUNNIEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD! IT'S ESPECIALLY FUNNY BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE LITTLE JASPER! BECAUSE--BECAUSE--BECAUSE...
BECAUSE?

SUDDENLY--STARK TERROR FROZE ALICE AND ME! WE STARED IN HORROR! OUT OF THE HEAD OF FRANK MILLS, STRANGE APPENDAGES WERE RISING!


ANTENNAS! GOOD LORD!
IT'S TRUE! EVERY WORD HE TOLD YOU! HE HAD TO DIE! ONE OF US DROVE THE CAR--ONE OF US WAS THE EYEWITNESS! NO ONE ALIVE MUST KNOW OUR SECRET--THE INTER-PLANETARY CONQUEST OF THE EARTH! GIVE ME THAT PLAN!


A LIGHTNING MOMENT LATER, ALICE CRUMPLED TO THE FLOOR!
ALICE! ALICE! SHE'S DEAD!
OF COURSE! THE MOMENT I TOUCHED HER--HAND--WE'RE CLEVER IN OUR WORK--SHE KNEW TOO MUCH!--SO DO YOU! YOU'LL DIE NEXT!


WILDLY, DESPARATELY, MY ARMS THRASHED OUT WITH ALL MY STRENGTH I GRABBED...
I'M GETTING OUT! I'M TELLING THE AUTHORITIES--MURDERER!


I RAN--I RACED OUT THROUGH A LABYRINTH OF STREETS AND ALL THE TIME I HEARD FOOTSTEPS POUND BEHIND ME--LOUDER--LOUDER!
MURDER! INVASION!

JUST AS THE FOOTSTEPS POUNDED THEIR LOUDEST--ABOUT TO OVERTAKE ME--I FOUND SANCTUARY! A POLICE STATION!
SAVE ME! HE'S AFTER ME! THE INTERPLANETARY INVADER!
HUH? LISTEN! I'M BUSY, I'VE NO TIME FOR GAGS, WISE GUY!
IT'S THE TRUTH! GET YOUR POLICE CAPTAIN! GET WASHINGTON! THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS! CALL THE PRESIDENT! THEY KILLED HENRY JASPER! AND ONE OF THEM JUST MURDERED MY WIFE! THEY'LL KILL ALL OF US! LISTEN!
BETTER COME WITH ME--
I WAS LED TO A LITTLE ROOM! I MET THE POLICE CAPTAIN AND HE LISTENED TO MY STORY--VERY INTENTLY!
...AND THEY WEAR ANTENNAS--SHOW THEM WHEN THEY WANT TO! FRANK'S ONE OF THEM! HE KILLED MY WIFE!
I'LL CHECK ON EVERYTHING! JUST RELAX --LIE DOWN FOR A WHILE AND GET SOME REST!
IT SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY--AND THEN HE WAS BACK! BUT ALL HE DID WAS TRY TO LEAD ME AWAY AGAIN!
YOUR WIFE IS DEAD OF A HEART ATTACK! THAT'S THE MEDICAL REPORT! THERE'S NO EVIDENCE OF ANY CRIME-- WE QUESTIONED FRANK MILLS, HE SAYS YOU'VE BEEN ACTING QUEER LATELY! HE HAS NO ANTENNAS--REMEMBER THAT! THINK NORMALLY--THE TREATMENT WILL HELP!
TREATMENT? I'VE TOLD YOU THE TRUTH! LET ME GO!
I STRUGGLED, I FOUGHT, AND THEN I MUST HAVE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS! WHEN I WOKE UP I WAS IN ANOTHER ROOM, WITH IRON BARS!
JUST RELAX NOW! I'M THE DOCTOR ASSIGNED TO YOUR CASE! I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO QUIET YOUR NERVES! THEN, WE'LL TAKE THE FIRST STEP!
I DON'T NEED TREATMENT! I'M NORMAL! I'M PERFECTLY SANE!
I KNEW IT RIGHT THEN! I'M PERFECTLY SANE! THE INTERPLANETARY CREATURES ARE LURKING EVERYWHERE! EVEN AS THE DOCTOR STEPPED CLOSE TO ME -- I SAW IN HORROR...
THE END
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Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you—are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . . . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they *want* to!

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Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

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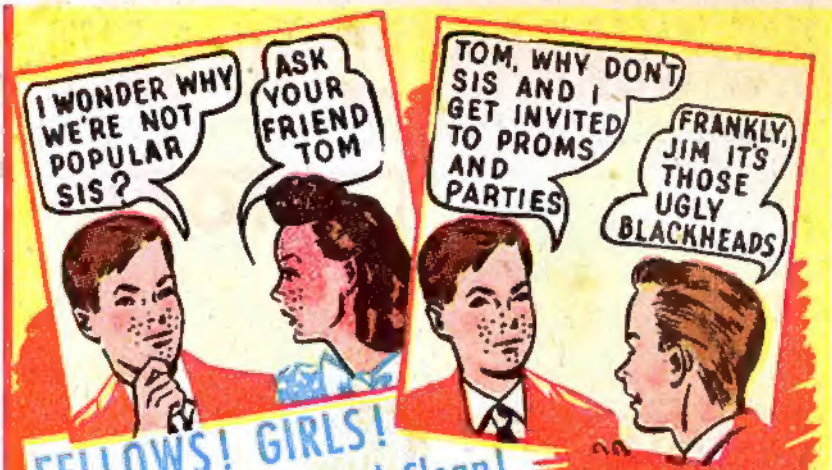
I WONDER WHY WE'RE NOT POPULAR SIS?
ASK YOUR FRIEND TOM
TOM, WHY DON'T SIS AND I GET INVITED TO PROMS AND PARTIES
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OH DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU, LITTLE BOY!
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BOY! IT DIDN'T TAKE ATLAS LONG TO DO THIS FOR ME! WHAT MUSCLES! THAT BULLY WON'T SHOVE ME AROUND AGAIN!
LATER
WHAT! YOU HERE AGAIN? HERE'S SOMETHING I OWE YOU!
OH, JOE! YOU ARE A REAL MAN AFTER ALL!
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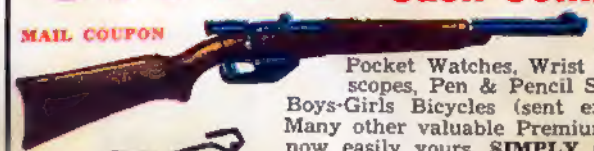

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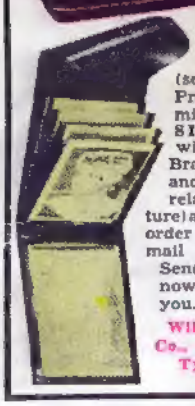

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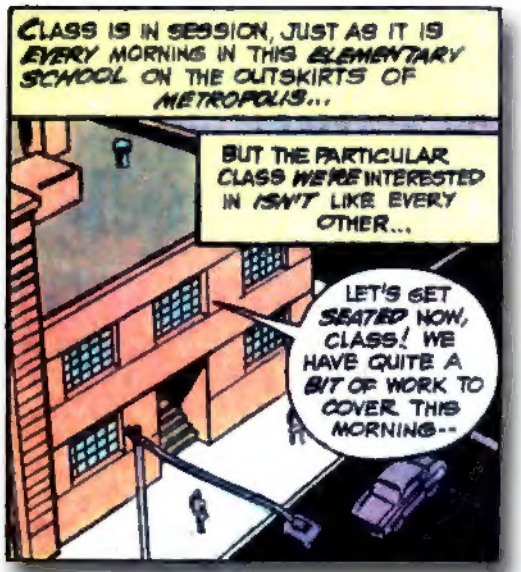
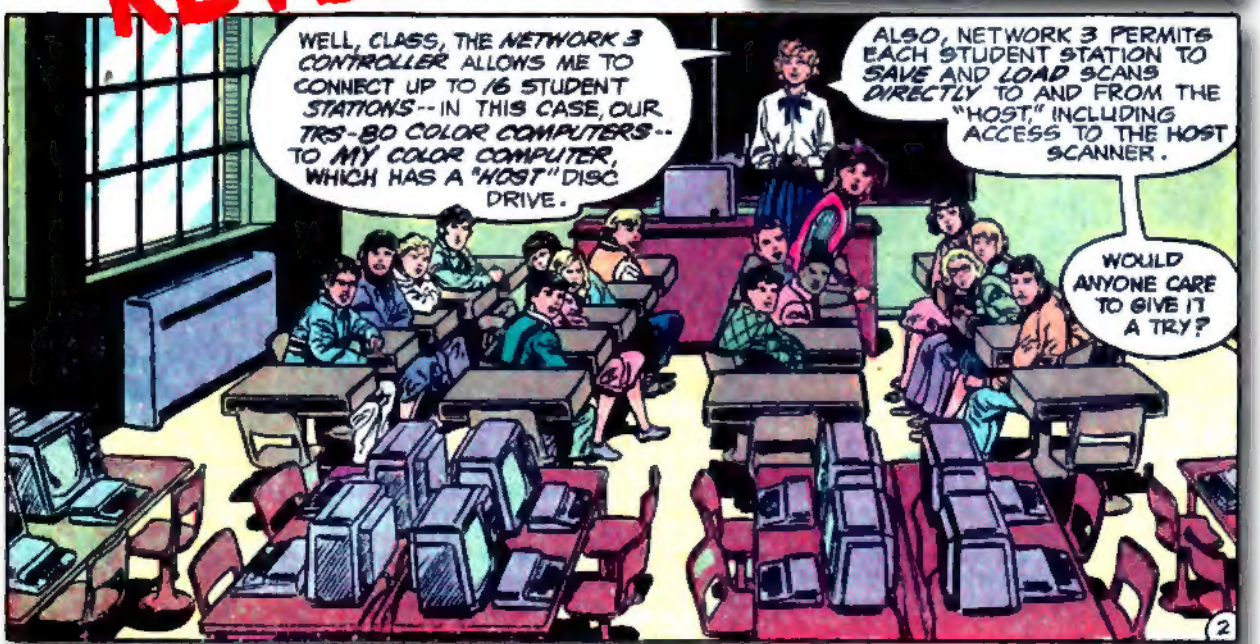

CLASS IS IN SESSION, JUST AS IT IS EVERY MORNING IN THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS...
BUT THE PARTICULAR CLASS WE'RE INTERESTED IN ISN'T LIKE EVERY OTHER...
LET'S GET SEATED NOW, CLASS! WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO COVER THIS MORNING--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WOULD ANYONE CARE TO GIVE IT A TRY?
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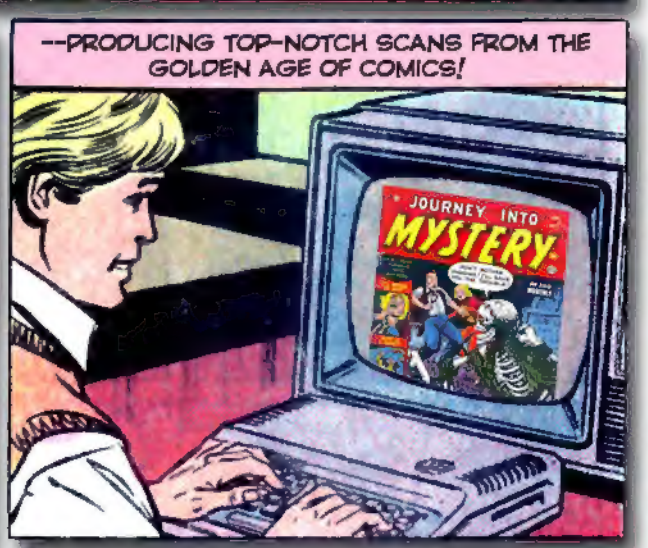
ALL RIGHT, LET'S SWITCH ON OUR COMPUTERS AND GET STARTED.
AND SO, FOR THE NEXT HOUR, THERE IS SILENCE IN THE CLASS-ROOM AS THE SIXTH-GRADERS APPLY THEMSELVES TO THE TASK AT HAND--



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